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PALMERS IN COURT OVER ACCESS DISPUTE

By Paul Crompton

PALMERS Brewery, owners of the delapidated Three Cups Hotel in Lyme Regis, found themselves in Taunton County Court for three days fighting a civil action over the access to neighbouring property.

The action over the right of access between the Three Cups and neighbouring property, was brought by Lyme Regis businessman, David Parker, who lives and runs holiday accommodation next to the Palmers' building.

Bridport-based Palmers disputed Mr Parker's insistence his tenants have the right to vehicular access to the neighbouring property.

Mr Parker is now awaiting the results of the civil action, which he took in order to regain access to the road between his building – The Sea Tree House – and the Three Cups.

A decision following the three-day hearing at Taunton County Court, which finished on Friday, could take months.

Palmers Brewery, who have owned the building since 1887, claim the access route has not been used consecutively for over 20 years, which is required to make the road a right of way.

Mr Parker, who lives and leases holiday accommodation at 18 Broad Street, brought the civil action after a fence was erected on the access road.

Palmers Brewery, a family run company since 1794, has owned property, both commercial and private, in the town.

Both parties called a number of witnesses to establish whether the access had been used over the last 20 years.

Managing diurector John Palmer gave evidence and they called former policeman and town councillor Owen Lovell, town clerk Mike Lewis and former parking attendant Ken Caddy.

Local businessman Peter Fortnam, who also owns property adjacent to the Three Cups, appeared for Mr Parker.

Both parties employed barristers to present their case.

◆ The Three Cups has been empty for 20 years but in recent months has become a topic of hot debate in the town.

Following strong public pressure, including protest marches and public meetings, a series of consultation meetings are being organised by Palmers.

The exploratory meetings are part of plans by Palmers in the hope of finding an economically viable way forward for the building, following their decision not to reopen the Three Cups as an hotel because of the cost involved, estimated at between £3 million and £4 million.

Lyme Regis Town Council, West Dorset District Council and members of the Save The Three Cups Action Group have accepted invitations from Palmers to form a working group to come up with a suitable plan.

◆ *Call for town council to back Three Cups hotel plan - see page 6*

■ **KEEP OUT: The blocked access which runs down the side of the Three Cups Hotel**

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60 SECOND INTERVIEW

BRIDPORT town councillor Keith Day, 64, developed his interest in local politics after retiring from a career in commercial aviation and then the NHS.

Originally from Bristol, Councillor Day visited Bridport regularly for almost 20 years before eventually making the move with his wife 10-years-ago. He was followed shortly by his mother who he persuaded to join him on the coast.

Having retired Councillor Day now fills his time as an Advisor at Bridport Citizens' Advice Bureau and as Chairman of Bridport Conservatives, but he still finds time to walk his dogs.

Councillor Day was elected onto the town council in April last year following a local by-election.

■ YOU were elected as a town councillor a year ago, are you finding it rewarding?
Yes, but it is also so frustrating. There are so many things that I would like done to improve our town, but cannot because of the limitations of the powers of the town council. The council is so dominated by Lib-dems that little can be achieved without their agreement. However, I think that I have learned a lot from being a councillor and hope to use that knowledge in the future. The best thing about being a councillor is helping people and serving my fellow citizens. I would strongly recommend public service to anyone who wants to make a contribution to their community.

■ WHAT are the most important issues affecting Bridport at the moment?
Employment, education, housing and poverty. They are all linked in a vicious circle. Low expectations and achievement in education can result in poor job prospects, insecure employment and low income. This can lead on to acceptance of low quality housing and poverty in financial and attainment terms. I would like to see Bridport advertised as a place that welcomes new business, as well as making it more attractive to tourists. An improvement in employment prospects is the quickest and most effective way of breaking the cycle and helping everyone in this town.

■ ARE you still pleased you supported the new Lidl supermarket?
Yes, I am. I still believe there will be an overall beneficial effect for the people of Bridport. However, I do not like the ugly Travis Perkins building that is currently under construction, but I was unable to influence that proposal.

I have to add that I am less sympathetic to the Spar shop opening in East Street. This shop will have a much more far-reaching impact on the town and the market than Lidl.

■ WHY did you choose the Conservative party?
All politics are compromises. All the main parties have some good ideas and I have some sympathy with the UKIP attitude to Europe and immigration. However, overall I believe the Conservatives have a good balance and the right ideas to get us out of the current mess.

■ WHERE do you see yourself in five years time?
I hope to be still living in and enjoying our unique town. I would like to continue as an advisor at Bridport Citizens' Advice Bureau and if I still have the energy, I may consider standing as a district councillor. I want to avoid spreading myself so thinly that I cannot do everything well.

■ WHERE do you see Bridport in five years time?
I would like to see a thriving town, with high employment, decent affordable housing, but still retaining its unique and special character. It should be a town that is attractive to all ages and tastes.

I would like to see improved approaches to the town; including the roundabouts (Yeovil does it well). A re-developed South West Quadrant that retains the 'artisan's area' and incorporates it into a proper and sustainable plan, encouraging visitors to explore the town. I would also like to see the railway restored and operating.

At West Bay, I would like to see some in-character buildings – not those awful flats. An end to the anti-social behaviour of some young motorists that causes annoyance to visitors and residents, together with a 20 mph speed limit. I would like to see the Esplanade made more appealing with raised flower beds and The Mount made into a garden.

■ WHAT was the last book you read, film you watched and CD you listened to?
Book – Break No Bones, by Kathy Reichs. A novel based on forensics; Film – In The Loop. A political satire; CD - The Platinum Collection by Jerry Lee Lewis, but only in my car – when I am alone.

■ WHO would be your three dream guests at a dinner party and why?
Abraham, Jesus and Mohammed. I am most certainly not a religious person but I would like them to tell me the real truth about their lives, and deaths, and ask them to explain why the religions they founded, apparently based on acceptance and forgiveness, have caused so much loss of life and conflict.

Getting the correct food for them at a dinner party could be tricky though.

Could I also have Barbara Woodhouse to show me how to make our two Yorkies come back every time they are called, please?

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Town mourns doctor's wife

LYME Regis is mourning the death of Mrs Jean Fernandez, the much respected wife of former GP Dr Alexander Fernandez.

The mother of seven children, Mrs Fernandez, who was 88, was a tireless worker for charity, especially the Action Medical Research Fund, being connected as chairman and treasurer with the Lyme Regis branch for 55 years.

Mrs Fernandez, who played an important part in her husband's medical practice for 40 years, had a great zest for life and remained extremely active, playing badminton and short tennis until three weeks before her death.

Dr Fernandez has written the following tribute to his wife:

"Sadly my wife Jean died on Monday, March 29th 2010. We met during the war when she was in the motor transport division of the ATS and was a driver for senior officers and at times live ammunition.

■ JEAN FERNANDEZ - a great zest for life

"She loved driving and for the last 15 years of her life continued to drive a classic three and a half litre MG sports car until she became ill earlier this month.

"It was one of three of the models made in 1972. She was made honorary member of the MG owners club and received a monthly magazine addressed to the octogenarian Jean Fernandez! When the war finished I was offered a job for six months in Lyme Regis. We fell in love with Lyme Regis and continued to live here for the next 61 years.

"During that time Jean helped me to provide a 24-hour medical service for 40 years by manning the telephone out of hours and helping with the paperwork.

"She had also found time to have seven children, four of whom were born in Lyme Regis - three in Lyme Regis Hospital. One of her children is senior orthopaedic surgeon at Dorchester Hospital, where she sadly died.

"Shortly after my wife's arrival in Lyme Regis in 1949, Lady Abbott Anderson invited her to join the Action Medical Research Fund (originally Polio Fund) that had been started in 1952 by Duncan Guthrie when his daughter was one of the thousands of children whose lives were blighted by poliomyelitis.

"For 55 years she has remained a very active chairman and at times treasurer of the Lyme Regis fund, which now deals with all aspects of children's illnesses.

"She was invited to a garden party in Buckingham Palace and HRH Prince Philip, the Duke of Edinburgh, who is patron of Action Medical Research sent a commendation for her work with the charity. Sadly she will not be present at the charity's Open Garden Afternoon that she was arranging for May 8th at Lower Ware in Ware Lane.

"She was a regular attender for some years at ladies' luncheons in Lyme Regis, and played badminton and short tennis every week until three weeks of the sudden onset of her illness, at which time she was in her 89th year, and we had been married for 64 years.

"She had a variety of other interests and meetings in Lyme Regis. In her later years she even took up silversmithing."

Meet the first ever woman vicar of Lyme

by Francesca Evans

THE Reverend Jane Skinner is looking forward to becoming the first woman vicar of Lyme Regis.

Jane, who is married to the Golden Cap Team Rector, the Reverend Stephen Skinner, is currently undergoing formal checks by the Diocese of Salisbury, and hopes her new position at St Michael's Parish Church will be officially announced by July.

If all goes smoothly, she will be succeeding the Reverend John Harrison, who recently retired and moved to Honiton to continue his recovery from a serious virus.

Originally from Gloucestershire, the Reverend Skinner trained at Cramner Hall, part of St John's College in Durham, before being ordained in 1984. She has since worked in Chatham in Kent, and in three parishes in the Diocese of Carlisle with her husband.

For the past seven years, the Reverend Skinner has been working as chaplain at the Great Western Hospital in Swindon, living there half the week and with her husband in Charmouth for the rest.

When her position at St Michael's becomes definite, Jane hopes she and Stephen will be able to move into the Vicarage in West Hill Road in Lyme, but this has to be agreed by the Golden Cap Team Council and the diocese.

She said: "As my work will mainly be in Lyme Regis, it would be nice to be based there. My husband has been Golden Cap Team Rector for a year and, living here half the week, I have taken part in some events and services and it's been lovely to have a taste of what is going on in the town.

"I think it's lovely that Lyme has so many events, a civic life, and so many groups and organisations. I also noticed there are lots of artists here, and art is

■ THE Reverend Jane Skinner

something I enjoy."

The Reverend Skinner will be the first woman vicar of Lyme Regis, and it is not the first time she has paved the way for the female sex.

"I was originally ordained as a Deaconess when it was first made acceptable for women to be deacons, and then I was one of the first lot of women to be priested," she said.

"I think it's wonderful to step up into these opportunities."

Jane also commented on St Michael's "terrific" new Slovenian organ.

She said: "It is a wonderful project and I think it takes courage to commit to raising such a large amount of money. Their enthusiasm has never wavered. I think it's glorious music in concert and in worship will be a huge contribution to the community."

■ BREAKFAST IS SERVED: Chef Ian Grant pictured with Cancer Research UK helpers Anita Routley, Zoe Evans, Christine Evans, Roisin McCaffery, Jackie Evans, Claire Denslow and Alison King

Big Breakfast raises £740

THE first major fundraising event of 2010 organised by the Lyme Regis branch of Cancer Research UK was a big success.

Branch members, led by Philip and Jackie Evans, organised a Big Breakfast at the Baptist Church Hall on Friday of last week, raising £730, slightly more than last year.

Hotel Alexandra chef Ian Grant and Patsy Neale, the mother of his partner, Shelley, cooked over 100 English breakfasts as well as preparing dozens of bacon sandwiches from 8 am to 12.30 pm.

Alison King and Claire Denslow also delivered breakfasts to firms in Lyme Regis and Axminster, helping to boost the funds.

A raffle was organised by the Mayor of Lyme Regis, Councillor Michaela Ellis, who is a Cancer Research UK committee member.

Said branch chairman Philip Evans: "We were delighted with the final result and would like to thank the generous traders of Lyme and Axminster who donated ingredients and provided other support."

Local businessman buys the Post office

THE Post Office building in Broad Street, Lyme Regis, has been bought by successful Lyme Regis businessman Brian Langdon.

Mr Langdon has purchased the building from the Gilbert family, who runs post offices in Lyme, Chard and South Chard, for an undisclosed sum.

As revealed exclusively in the *View from Lyme Regis* last week, the Royal Mail sorting office at the rear of the building is included in the sale and the Lyme postmen will soon be moving to Bridport.

Mr Langdon, who also owns the Old Bonded Store Emporium at the Cobb, told the *View from Lyme Regis,* that the Post Office facility would remain in situ and he would develop the rest of the building, to be known as "The Village" with small retail outlets.

Mr Langdon is in the process of working on plans with an architect and will then be submitting a planning application to West Dorset District Council.

Mr Langdon's daughter, Sue, runs the Your World Travel Agency in Bridge Street.

Boy, 12, stuck in mud up to his waist

LYME Regis Coastguards assisted a 12-year-old boy, who was stuck up to his waist in mud just east of Charmouth.

The boy had ventured on to the bottom of a landslip, 150 metres from the river. His father attempted to rescue him by laying a path of rocks and sticks for him to climb on, but had to call the coastguards.

The team were alerted just after 1pm on Sunday, March 28th. The boy was quickly dug out of the mud once the coastguards had found a safe place to work from. He required no medical attention, but was quite cold.

The incident comes just weeks after a 14-year-old boy and 10-year-old girl were rescued from the mud in the same area.

Lyme Regis Coastguards warned: "Please keep away from the cliffs, especially if you have youngsters or animals. The best fossils are always found on the beach and not in the landslips and rock falls. When visiting the beach, also be aware of the times of high tide.

"Although not the case today, many people who become trapped in mud have been cut off by the tide and endeavour to cross the mud to get back to safety. Please stay off the mud, it is very dangerous."

View Family Announcements

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Expert advice on offer to Dorset motorcyclists

MOTORCYCLISTS across the county are once again being offered expert riding advice from BikeSafe Dorset.

BikeSafe Dorset 2010, an educational initiative for motorcyclists, began yesterday and will include events at Bournemouth and Poole for the first time.

The initiative, offered by Dorset Police and Dorset County Council, offers expert riding advice to all motorcyclists with a session of classroom-based tuition plus a practical ride assessment conducted by police motorcycling professionals for all riders with bikes of 250cc or more.

BikeSafe Dorset provides a chance for motorcyclists to gain advice and tips on a range of subjects to make their riding even safer – including cornering, positioning, overtaking, correct use of gears and hazard perception.

PC Chris Smith is the BikeSafe Dorset co-ordinator. He said: "Once again we are working with our local councils to make Dorset's roads safer.

"This year BikeSafe has even more local opportunities open to bikers across the county to sharpen their riding skills and hopefully avoid becoming a statistic.

"It's never the wrong time to learn a new skill and keep yourself safe on the county's roads.

"Our local evening theory sessions cost nothing and are open to all motorcyclists. They are held locally across Dorset and riders can just turn up to see what BikeSafe is all about. There is then an option to attend one of our on road assessment dates which are held near to our headquarters.

"It takes just a few hours and could teach you something that might save your life one day."

The BikeSafe Dorset theory session is free to attend and the second part of the course – the assessed practical ride – is offered at a subsidised rate of £40.

Participants must complete both parts in order to fully complete the BikeSafe Dorset course and be issued a certificate.

The theory sessions will take place on the following dates:

- Monday, April 26th: Breakfast Room, The Lodmore (Premier Inn), Preston Beach Road, Weymouth, DT4 7SX;
- Monday, May 3rd: Express by Holiday Inn, Walking Fields Lane, Poole, BH15 1RZ;
- Monday, May 24th: The Bow Room, The Exchange, Old Market Hill, Sturminster Newton, DT10 1FH;
- Monday, June 7th: Waterside Room, Allendale Centre, Hanham Road, Wimborne, BH21 1DQ;
- Monday, June 28th: The Pavilion, Bridport Leisure Centre, Brewery Fields, Bridport, DT6 5LN;
- Monday, July 5th: Studio Room, Barrington Centre, Penny's Walk, Ferndown, Dorset, BH22 9TH;
- Monday, July 12th: Dorchester Town Football Club, Weymouth Avenue, Dorchester, DT1 2RY;
- Monday, August 9th: Village Hotel, Wessex Fields, Deansleigh Road, Bournemouth, BH7 7DZ.

Motorcyclists wishing to attend should turn up on the night from 6:45pm for a 7pm start and collect the application pack.

The practical sessions commence from the Winfrith Technology Centre, just outside the village of Wool. The dates are:

- Sunday, April 25th
- Sunday, May 9th
- Sunday, June 6th
- Sunday, June 13th
- Sunday, July 11th
- Sunday, August 15th
- Sunday, September 19th

All sessions run from 10am to 1pm.

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Smoking in Roman Road main issue discussed by PACT panel

By Francesca Evans

STUDENTS smoking whilst in uniform was considered to be one of the most concerning issues in Lyme Regis at the recent Partners and Communities Together (PACT) meeting, organised by the local police.

The meeting was held behind closed doors for the first time, as the police believed there to be too many public meetings in the town at this time of the year.

Representatives from various agencies attended to discuss issues that have been reported by the public in recent months. They included PC Richard Winward and PCSOs Luke White and John Burton, Bridport section commander Inspector Caroline Naughton, Leiutenant Commander Tony Norman (Action Forum), Lyme Regis Town councillor Stan Williams, West Dorset District councillor Pat Hicks, Ellen Austin from LymeForward, Ruth Ashdown from Magna Housing and Dorset County councillor Colonel Geoffrey Brierley.

Young people smoking whilst in school uniform at the top of Roman Road was the top issue, as it reportedly intimidated the younger students. Police decided they would work with the Woodroffe School to address the problem and patrol the area at all relevant times. Lyme Regis Town Council are also planning to remove the "substation" structure in Roman Road, which currently acts as a gathering point for youngsters.

The ongoing problem of dirty public toilets that are locked at peak hours was also brought up and representatives from WDDC and LRTC promised to look into it further.

The lack of youth facilities and a skatepark in the town was also discussed.

The PACT panel were updated on the main issues brought up at the last PACT meeting, which was held in public in September. Police reported that anti-social behaviour in Summerhill Road had "vastly decreased" since two men from the area were imprisoned last year.

Colonel Brierley reported that he would re-look at the priority road sign outside the London bed and breakfast establishment in Church Street, which many residents considered not visible enough and the cause of congestion problems.

■ **ROY GOLLOP after receiving his presentation**

Another good year for gig club

MEMBERS of Lyme Regis Gig Club celebrated another successful year at their third annual meeting.

Chairman Marcus Dixon reported that the club had grown very quickly to meet the needs of over 100 members. The club had achieved its objectives for the year, including commissioning a second wooden gig named "Black Ven" and buying a fibreglass training gig named "Rebel", as well as three sets of oars, launch trolleys and road trailers.

This has been achieved through the support of Lyme Regis Town Council, West Dorset District Council, Dorset County Council, Awards For All, Sport Relief, G.F. Eyre Trust, Lyme Regis Boatbuilding Academy, the Powerboat Club, Newlands Holidays, the Town Mill Cheesemonger, By the Bay restaurant, the Talbot Arms in Uplyme, Lyme Bay Cider and major sponsor Otter Brewery.

The gig club had also established a youth section pilot project with the Woodroffe School, which offers young people sea rowing on school day afternoons.

Over the winter, the club ran a fitness class with former Royal Marine instructor Chris Horsefiled, which has helped to improve the club's performance at competitive events.

The club is now planning to buy a rib as a safety boat, as well as taking part in more charity events, starting with a row to West Bay on April 18th. Members will also be holding an exhibition race as part of the annual Lifeboat Week in July, and the town's first gig regatta and part of the Regatta and Carnival Week programme in August.

The meeting also provided the opportunity to thank those who hadgiven special help in developing the club. Roy Gollop was thanked for his advice and the making of the club's bow fenders, and John Stuckey for the metal work on the boats and trailers.

Members remembered the contribution of the late Michael Rushforth, a founding member of the club who died last year, and his wife, Angela, and their daughter were presented with a photo of the club's first gig "Rebel".

Members Sue Beckers and Tony Colston were voted onto the general committee.

Getting in shape ...

FOUR local men set to take part in the 2011 Corinthian Atlantic Challenge will be rowing continuously for 12 hours on exercise machines this Easter Saturday (April 3rd).

The action will take place on the Slipway, next to the harbour in Lyme Regis from 7am to 7pm.

Lyme Regis Gig Club members Chris Walters, Brian Fletcher, Tony Short and Elliot Dale, known as "The Corinthians" are hoping to row the equivalent of 150 miles on their rowing machines.

The event is in preparation for the 2,500 nautical mile Corinthian Atlantic Challenge in December 2011, from La Gomera in the Canary Islands to Antigua in the Caribbean.

The foursome will split all funds raised between their two chosen charities, ShleterBox and the British Heart Foundation.

The team said: "We are at the early stages of our training, which will see us increase our rowing time to undertake 48-hour sea training rows, giving us both night and endurance rowing experience, before we set out to conquer the 'toughest rowing race in the world'."

Museum book sale

A SECOND hand book sale organised by the Friends of Lyme Regis Museum will be held at the Pilot Boat Inn on Easter Saturday (April 3rd).

The event will be held between 10am and 12pm. Admission will cost £1, including refreshments, and there will also be a raffle. All proceeds will go towards the museum's extension fund.

Why support businesses in private homes?

WOODMEAD Road resident Jim Sweetland asked why the town council was supporting the opening of businesses in a residential area when there were so many empty shops in the town.

He was referring to a planning application by Mr Mark Jenkin to open a micro-brewery in his garden shed in Woodmead Road to which no objections were raised by the town council.

The Mayor, Councillor Michaela Ellis, said it was a matter for West Dorset District Council as the planning authority.

District councillor Daryl Turner said businesses had always been run from private houses in Lyme. His father ran a haulage company out of their home and he could remember buying tyres from town councillor Peter Williams' house in Summerhill Road where he ran a cycle business.

Backing for new twinning proposal

THE annual town meeting gave full backing to a proposal for Lyme Regis to twin with the Normandy fishing port of Barfleur.

The meeting was told that the suggestion had come from the Mayor of Barlfleur.

David and Margaret Bettis, who have been connected with Charmouth's twinning arrangement with Asnelles for 25 years as secretary and chairman, atended the meeting to outline how their association worked.

Mr Bettis explained that the they were totally self financing with Charmouth Parish Council having a representative on their committee.

The meeting voted in favour of the idea and it was agreed to call a public meeting to set up a committee to investigate the proposal.

Call for town council to back Three Cups hotel campaign

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
Reports by Philip Evans

THE future of the Three Cups Hotel was one of the more controversial issues raised at the Lyme Regis annual town meeting.

An advanced question was tabled by Mr Roger Crabb, a member of the Save The Three Cups Action Group who are campaigning for the Grade Two Listed building to be re-opened by owners, Palmers Brewery, as an hotel.

Mr Crabb said the town council appeared to have done nothing about the Three Cups since its closure in 1990.

He continued: "At meetings here in the Woodmead Halls last year there was overwhelming support from the community for its re-opening as a hotel and yet there is no mention of its in the 'News and Views' (council newsletter)."

Mr Crabb asked: "Is it the council's intention to ignore this matter for another 20 years or is it going to support the "Save The Three Cups Action Group' which has achieved greater progress in nine months than the council has to 20 years?"

Town clerk Mike Lewis replied that the town council had tried at different times throughout the period when the Three Cups had been closed to engage in discussion with Palmers on the future of the building with little to report from these approaches.

He continued: "Similarly on a number of occasions the owners were urged to carry out remedial works with additional support and pressure from West Dorset District Council acting in the interests of public safety.

"Undoubtedly, public pressure has played a significant part in moving the item up the agenda for Palmers, although the company would probably say that, in any case, it was now the appropriate time to pursue their corporate aims for the building.

"The town council, as well as the district council, has been invited by Palmers to take part in discussions to look at the possible options for this prominent historic bulding and this level of involvement, which the town council has been seeking all this time, is to be greatly welcomed."

Mr Crabb also referred to the report in last week's *View from Lyme Regis* when town councillors Owen Lovell and Anne Bradbury, who had been nominated to sit on the Palmers' working group, were accused of having a vested interest because they were owners of bed and breakfast establishments.

The accusation was made by Councillor Daryl Turner at his first meeting back on the town council and resulted in Councillor Lovell withdrawing his nomination.

The matter was referred to the town council's Policy Committee to come up with new nominations.

Mr Crabb said it had been suggested that Councillor Sally Holman and Councillor Turner should take the places of councillors Lovell and Bradbury.

Councillor Stan Williams said he felt very strongly about the Three Cups Hotel and believed it should be an hotel again.

Palmers had said it was not viable to reopen the Three Cups as an hotel but he thought the district council should try and find other people who might treat it differently.

"If someone thinks it is viable as an hotel that is what we should have," he said.

Policy Committee chairman Sally Holman referred to the recent presentation made to the town council by John Dover, chairman of the Save The Three Cups Action Group, and pointed out they were working hard in partnership with the district council to find a way forward.

Councillor Lovell said that the two councillors mentioned by Mr Crabb (Holman and Turner) had predetermined the issue by their actions.

Councillor Holman pointed out that she had already stated that she did not want to be one of the council's representatives on the Palmers' working group.

"My views are my own views," she added.

Councillor Turner said West Dorset District Council were conducting their own examination of the report Palmers' had commissioned about the feasibility of converting the Three Cups back to an hotel.

He believed that all options should be considered, including the Palmers' option, and was in favour of a referendum to see what the people of Lyme wanted.

Councillor Turner said there was a wider issue than the loss of beds at the Three Cups. In the last five years Lyme Regis had lost 200 bed spaces and he was working hard through the planning process to protect the tourism infrastructure in the area.

Church railings are a 'disgrace' says Derek

THE unsightly state of the railings in front of St Michael's Church was raised by Church Cliff resident Derek Hallett.

He pointed out that the town council was about to spend a great deal of money on the regeneration of the Marine Parade shelters, but the church railings were "dangerous and a disgrace".

Town clerk Mike Lewis said the listed building officer wanted the railings repaired which would cost more than replacement and the council did not have enough money in their budget for the work.

"It's a very expensive project but perhaps the council will bite the bullet," he said.

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Why are the streets of Lyme so untidy?

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

THE untidy state of the streets in Lyme Regis emerged as one of the key issues to be raised at the annual town meeting.

View Road resident Ken Gollop, in a letter to the meeting, said he was surprised that no one was interested when Broad Street trader Hilary Highet suggested in the local press a "Make Lyme Cleaner" campaign.

Mr Gollop, who was unable to be present at the meeting, claimed that last summer many areas of Lyme were neglected "giving the town a very scruffy appearance" which indicated "something lacking in the control of cleaning around the town".

Said Mr Gollop: "Last season prominent areas such as Marine Parade from the bus stop to the Boathouse never saw a brush for weeks (or months). Similarly Bell Cliff steps where it would have been more appropriate to send a gardener to get rid of the weeds."

And he continued: "The milk thistle in Hill Road reached 18 inches high, as did the buddleia in Mill Green, both important tourism areas. The library lay-by and pavement opposite already appear scruffy.

"Gone are the day when many people regularly cleaned their shop and house frontages and with so many second homes and holiday cottages with no regular caretakers it does not improve the street scene when rubbish is put out days before and telephone directories are left on the pavement for weeks.

"Lyme Town Council areas are cleaned daily by our own workforce but the rest of the town and outlying areas leave a lot to be desired."

Mr Gollop concluded his observations by saying that finance would no doubt be quoted as a barrier to better street cleaning but this could be rectified by charging £2 a day instead of just £1 a day at the district council-run cars parks at Holmbush and Charmouth Road car parks."

Complaints were also received about the noise of the mechanical cleaner in Broad Street.

The Mayor, Councillor Michaela Ellis, asked the district councillors to respond as street cleaning was the responsibility of West Dorset District Council.

District councillor Daryl Turner said he had already e-mailed Eugene Barnes, the officer at West Dorset District Council, after receiving complaints and he was hopeful there would be an improvement in street cleaning especially in Broad Street.

With regard to the noise of the street sweeping machine early in the morning, Councillor Turner said this was the only time that Broad Street could be cleaned because there were fewer cars parked in the street.

Broad Street resident Christine Burgess asked PC Richard Winward to impose an ASBO on the street cleaner because it made so much noise in the morning. She thought Broad Street was cleaned too often.

Councillor Turner: "Maybe that indicates it is doing a good job."

Mrs Vickie Norman, who lives in Sidmouth Road, told the meeting that the verges in the area were in a "disgraceful" state and on a recent occasion she collected eight pounds in filth dumped in Shire Lane.

No progress on moving bus shelter

MOVING the bus shelter at the top of Broad Street in Lyme Regis is on the list of priorities for Dorset County Council but is unlikely to happen in the near future.

The bus stop is currently sited outside of the Co-op but causes severe traffic congestion and is considered to be in a dangerous position for pedestrians.

Lyme Regis Town Council has been pushing for the bus stop to be moved to the top of the town, near the junction with Sherborne lane, but this will necessitate the county council building out the pavement. At last Friday's annual town meeting, Broad Street resident Christine Burgess asked whether there had been any progress on moving the bus stop.

Mrs Burges described the positioning of the present bus shleter as "disastrous" which caused a lot of problems.

"But nothing seems to be happening," she said.

She added that she intended to keep bringing it up until something was done.

Town clerk Mike Lewis said they had submitted the plan for moving the bus shelter on two occasions but it has failed to make the list of urgent priorities.

"No doubt we will keep putting it forward," he said.

County councillor Colonel Geoffery Brierley said the moving of the bus shleter was on the list of capital projects but he did not know when the work would be carried out.

He pointed out that the finances at the county council were going to be very tight over the next two or three years.

"It will happen but not tomorrow," he told the meeting.

Feedback

ORGANISATIONS which had received grants from Lyme Regis Town Council were given the opportunity to give feedback on how they had spent their money.

Reports were given by Sandra Ward, chairman of the Axe Valley and West Dorset Ring and Ride; John Wallis (Lyme Bay Photographic Club), Christine Allinson (Lyme Arts-Fest), Marcus Dixon (InSPARation Cafe, Fossil Festival and St Michael's Business Centre), Fran Williams (B Sharp Project), Phoebe Hill (Lyme Youth Arts); Derek Hallett (Woodmead Halls) and Lucy Campbell (LymeNet).

Mayor plays host to 124

■ ANDREW and Linda Nicholson, representing St Michael's Church, are greeted by Mayor and Consort, Michaela and Alan Ellis, and Deputy Mayoress Christine Lovell.

■ ALL SMILES: Former mayors Sally Holman, Ken Dibben, Stan Williams and Ken Whetlor pictured with Peter and Shirley Williams and David and Angela Manners

Photos by Francesca Evans
Words by Philip Evans

CIVIC guests and representatives of Lyme Regis organisations gathered at the Woodmead Halls on Saturday for the annual civic night, hosted by the Mayor, Councillor Michaela Ellis and her consort husband Alan.

The event was attended by 124 council members, town council staff and guests, making it one of the best supported civic nights for several years.

All the guests were welcomed on entering the halls by the Mayor and her husband, Deputy Mayor and Mayoress Owen and Christine Lovell, town clerk Mike Lewis and assistant town clerk Simon Ratcliff.

They were accompanied by macebearers Derek Hallett and Colin Barker.

The guests were announced by town crier Phil Street.

Civic guests included the Mayor and Mayoress of Bridport, Councillor Martin Ray and Councillor Maggie Ray; the vice-chairman of West Dorset District Council, Councillor Gillian Summers, accompanied by Bridport Town councillor Geoff Ackerman; the vice-chairman of Beaminster Town Council, Councillor Valerie Baldwin and her husband, Malcolm; the Deputy Mayor and Mayoress of Yeovil, Councillor Philip Chandler and Linda Jones; and the Deputy Mayor and Mayoress of Portland, Councillor, Councillor David Thurston and his wife Lizzie.

Also present was the Mayor's uncle, Councillor David Tett, who serves on both Bridport Town Council and West Dorset District Council.

Guests enjoyed a sumptuous buffet prepared and served by Jon Leeming, head chef at the Lyme Regis Golf Club.

Councillor Ellis thanked all those who attended the event with a special word of welcome to the civic guests from outside the town.

She also thanked her fellow councillors for their support during her first

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■ FAMILY AFFAIR: The Mayor and Consort, Michaela and Alan Ellis, pictured with proud mum Gloria Emmett, daughter Kelsey, sister and brother-in-law Sarah and Martin Horton, mother-in-law and father-in-law Rita and Derek Ellis; and brother -in-law and sister-in-law Neil and Tania Ellis.

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guests at her civic night

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term in office, especially Deputy Mayor and Mayoress Owen and Christine Lovell.

And she had a special word for the Woodmead Halls management committeee for their assistance in organising the evening.

Later in the evening, the Mayor presented a cheque for £540 to Howard Larcombe, chairman of Lyme Regis Football Club, her chosen charity for the year.

The money will go towards the club's fund to improve the changing and social facilities at the Davey Fort.

The funds were boosted by a raffle, run by the Mayor's mother, Gloria Emmett, and an auction of table decorations by the town crier.

Music for dancing was provided by the Weymouth-based band The Crack.

■ FOR THE FOOTBALLERS: Mayor Michaela Ellis presents a cheque for £540 to Howard Larcombe, chairman of Lyme Regis Football Club

■ FORMER mayors Ken Dibben, Owen Lovell, Sally Holman, Philip Evans, Barbara Austin, Stan Williams and Ken Whetlor

■ MAYOR Michaela Ellis welcomes Lesley Stone, chairman of the Lyme Regis and Charmouth Hotels and Restaurants Association, to the civic night

■ THE WAGS: Ladies from Lyme Regis Football Club - Zoe Evans, Jackie Evans, Heather Larcombe, Francesca Evans, Lucy Coombe, Charlotte Hanlon, Helen Witchell, Lyn Paterson, Betty Hitchcock and Louise Daubney

■ MAYOR and Consort Michaela and Alan Ellis pictured with town council staff Vickie Stickler, town crier and his wife Phil and Dawn Street, assistant town clerk and his wife Sam, town clerk and his wife Mike and Vivienne Lewis and mace-bearers Derek Hallett and Colin Barker

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■ FAMOUS FIVE: The exhibitors in the Metal, Paint, Stone and Glass exhibition at the Town Mill in Lyme Regis pictured with celebrity chef Hugh Fernley-Whittingstall at the opening ceremony

Chef opens five exhibitions in one at the Town Mill

by Jackie Evans

TELEVISION chef Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall was the celebrity surprise guest at the opening of a new exhibition at the Town Mill in Lyme Regis.

The Metal, Paint, Stone, Glass exhibition is a unique and original collaboration by five artists in different mediums, who all take inspiration from the natural world around them.

Simon Connett has been a blacksmith for eight years and makes everything from curtain poles to garden ornaments. One particularly beautiful piece of his at the exhibition is a copper and steel birdbath.

Adrian Gray will be familiar to many as the stone balancer who practices his art on the beach during the summer. Mr Gray enjoys the aspect of balance in his sculpture and also demonstrates his passion for photography at the exhibition.

Celia Goodman's glass forms are based on the changing natural world and her concern for the increasing fragility of the environment. She works in a muted palette and her lagoon ware collection is particularly attractive.

Mike Jones is a self-taught local artist, who says that he draws his inspiration from Lyme and the Jurassic Coast, but likes to give his paintings an original twist.

The fifth artist is Lucy Campbell, who is displaying two cases of her stunning and intricate silver jewellery.

Mr Fearnley-Whittingstall, who is a patron of the Town Mill Arts Guild, wished the artists well and said how much he admired those who had the passion, the impulse and the imagination to be inspired by the stunning landscape around them and to express themselves in art.

Metal, Paint, Stone, Glass continues at the Town Mill until Sunday, April 11th, open from 11am to 4pm.

■ FOSSIL FANATICS - Ray Jennings and David Hansford at the talk on Wednesday of last week

Night for Charmouth fossil fanatics

FOSSIL fanatics were given an insight into the minds of some of Charmouth's most successful fossil hunters.

The first half of the evening was a chance for guests to hear about Charmouth's fossil history, featuring talks from Phil Davidson of the Charmouth Heritage Coast Centre and Paleontological preparatory Andy Cowap.

The highlight of the evening came in the second half with a chance to hear first hand from fossil hunters Ray Jennings, Clive Gunnell and David Hansford who all made influential films in the sixties.

After watching the films the guests held a question and answer session with fossil expert Ray Jennings himself.

The evening also witnessed the launch of "The Fossil Hunters of Charmouth" the first publication from Shoreline.

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Why locals do it best

Lyme Matters

by Philip Evans

THE one gathering any mayor dreads chairing is the annual town meeting.

I can't remember how it happened but I ended up chairing two town meetings when I occupied the mayoral chair in the 1980s.

If my memory serves me right one was really controversial and the other was a bit of a damp squib.

I suspect our current mayor, Michaela Ellis, was a little apprehensive chairing Friday's meeting, especially after the mauling she had the previous week when Daryl Turner returned to the town council chamber.

But she handled matters well and although the meeting went on for nearly three hours it was not particularly controversial.

One of the main issues raised was the unkempt streets of Lyme Regis.

Nothing much goes unnoticed by Ken Gollop and he wrote to the meeting drawing attention to a few grotspots that have been left unattended for many months.

There was also criticism of the effectiveness of the mechanical street sweeper as well as complaints about the noise it makes on its early-morning route around the Lyme roads.

District councillor Daryl Turner always makes sure he is well prepared for such meetings and did his best to defend the district council's performance.

In the old borough council days the streets were swept by local chaps who had a pride in the job they were doing for their home town. No one is suggesting that we should go back to those days (actually some are) but someone driving a mechanical sweeper which often breaks down is not really going to have too much pride in the effectiveness of his work.

Two summers ago the district council made a big pig's ear of keeping the Marine Parade toilets clean.

You could apply the same agrument here. Contract cleaners are never going to do the job with the same enthusaism and care as a local.

Last summer the town council took over the cleaning of the Marine Parade toilets and made a much better job of it.

This should tell us something.

We have every right to expect clean streets and public toilets as a minimum service for our costly council tax.

It's all down to management and will someone sat 24 miles away at a desk in Dorchester really be able to ensure the work is carried out well and to an acceptable standard?

There is much talk about Lyme Town Council seeking "quality status" and being in a position to take on additional responsibilities.

It seems to me there are some local tasks that need to be handled by local people. It's our town and we all want to see it sparkling clean.

Over the years there are many areas in Lyme that have been totally neglected. The banks of the River Lym are most often in a disgraceful state.

On my early morning walks I am always impressed with the resources the district council put into keeping the Cobb area litter free.

Not all areas of Lyme get the same attention and it's time they did.

Or let the town council do the job.

Council meetings have just got interesting again

IT is rumoured that as many as seven town councillors - half the elected number - are considering standing down at next May's local elections.

Until last week, that is.

I understand that at least two councillors are reconsidering their position after the return to the council chamber by Daryl Turner.

Councillor Turner took no prisoners in his statement on why he had decided to seek election to the town council again after stating three years ago that he did not think it was possible to serve two authorities (he's also a member of West Dorset District Council).

His statement made uncomfortable listening for his fellow town councillors and some were visibly shocked by the verocity of his comments.

I am reliably informed that some of the more experienced councillors who were planning to stand down feel that Councillor Turner may go unchallenged if there is an influx of new, inexperienced members and may go for another four-year term.

There was also some concern felt that Councillor Turner is part of a a group of people seeking election on a reform platform.

Such groups have secured places on the council in the past but not always with success.

As one councillor e-mailed this week: "It looks like council meetings have just got interesting again."

Have your say on new council offices

MARCUS Dixon opens up an interesting debate in this week's Lyme Letters (page 16) over West Dorset District Council's intention to spend £10.7 million on new offices in Dorchester.

Marcus does so as a concerned individual and not in his capacity as chief executive of Lyme Regis Development Trust.

The proposed new offices will form part of the Charles Street development, which will also include underground parking, shops and offices.

The district council says its present offices in High West Street, Dorchester, are unsuitable and expensive to run and the new building will save up to £160,000 a year.

The project has become a real hot potato in Dorchester where at a public meeting last week opposition was unanimous.

District council leader Robert Gould refused to attend this meeting, as did chief executive David Clarke. They claim that the opposition to the scheme is politically motivated by the Lib Dems.

Marcus maintains it would be foolhardy to spend such a large amount of money when further down the line Dorset could end up with a unitary authority and shared offices.

The people of Dorchester are so incensed by the proposal that they have called for a parish poll which is costing £5,000-£6,000.

But this is not just a Dorchester issue. The offices will be financed by all council taxpayers, including those in Lyme Regis.

The matter was raised at Friday's annual town meeting by Lym Close resident Mrs E. Wood, enquiring whether our town council had made any comments on the new offices.

Town clerk Mike Lewis replied that a planning application would be made next month and this would provide the opportunity for public comment.

I understand there will also be a public meeting on the issue in Bridport on April 19th, organised by the Lib Dems.

The people of Lyme should also have the chance to have their say.

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CHARMOUTH NEWS

Village taking part in night lighting trials

CHARMOUTH is to take part in trials for part night lighting with the street lights being turned off between midnight and 5 am.

This is being trialled in several locations across the county and, in the interests of reducing electricity costs and carbon emissions, will be rolled out throughout Dorset if considered a success.

Charmouth Parish Council felt that it was better to be part of this trial in order to have a direct input into the results rather than just being subjected to the final decision.

The council hope that residents will embrace this trial as a positive exercise and help by reporting any incidents which may occur.

Funds for the old folk

CHARMOUTH Senior Citizens made a good start to this year's fundraising with a coffee morning in the village.

The group raised £117.29, which will go towards their summer trip to Bournemouth and their Christmas lunch.

The group hit their total at the United Reformed Church on Saturday morning by selling homemade cakes, bric-a-brac and of course tea and coffee.

LymeLetters

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Time to rationalise our councils

I WAS interested to read Oliver Letwin's open letter to Sue Farrant regarding the politicisation of the debate around West Dorset District Council's plans for a new £10.7 million office building as part of the larger Charles Street development in Dorchester.

Ahead of the general election major political parties are working hard on future spending cuts and tax increases, the full and unpalatable details of which remain veiled until after the big day on May 6th. Whoever wins, people are to be faced with a future of higher taxes and reduced standards of living.

It's difficult to see how these austerity measurers and the pressing need to generate wealth isn't also going to require a rationalisation of Dorset's current three tiers of local government, with its many duplicated costs and array of buildings.

In West Dorset the local authorities, statutory bodies and other burgeoning numbers of linked public sector organisations make up a disproportionately high number, 37 per cent of those in work in the county. In contrast, the wealth creating private sector is weak, with a high numbers of small and medium sized businesses and levels of economic growth below the average in the South West Region. Alongside are an aging population, many of whom are retired and living on pensions and fixed investments, and a displacement of talented young people. It's distinctly possible that, faced with bleak financial prospects, the people of West Dorset will be unwilling, or indeed unable, to meet costs of the local government on this scale.

This pressure to reduce the cost of local bureaucracy will doubtless see a reappraisal, driven by economic imperatives that would include an objective cost-benefit analysis of the three tier system. Whatever fine words are being said now, we will see a future with technology driven public services that are both effective, lower cost, require fewer people. It's widely accepted that its time for local authorities to catch up with the private sector. Local delivery of services is no more complex than the many large businesses that over recent years have become streamlined and highly efficient. In the world of business this has been achieved by drastically reducing replicated activities, the high costs of interaction with customers and stakeholders, less administration, effective procurement, all of which have produced considerable productivity and efficiency gains.

West Dorset District Council is of the view that the new planned offices serve the best interests of the people they exist to serve. However, before commissioning this expensive addition to the stable of public sector buildings in Dorchester, perhaps we should recognise that the future for local authorities in West Dorset is unlikely to be as it appears now. This may lead, under whatever guise, to a unitary model with one Dorset council and stronger town and parish councils. There is a need for a new approach to local government and before commissioning a new building we ought to be looking at the whole system and beginning to prepare for a future where we get more with less.

Marcus Dixon

Will postal delivery now get better?

I WAS interested to read your article on Lyme Regis Post Office in last week's *View*.

I sincerely hope that our postal deliveries will be more reliable when the mail delivery is controlled from Bridport. On two days last week our mail was not delivered at all. I telephone the Post Office on the afternoon of the second day to enquire if there was any mail for us. After looking in the sorting office the person I spoke to told me yes, there was mail for us (five items). Under normal circumstances we are lucky to receive our mail by 1.30 pm, often later.

Due to sickness this "walk" was not covered by anyone else, I am told, because their duty finishes at 2.30pm. I believe some finish much earlier than this. In the past, postmen would have bent backwards to clear the mail. You may be assured this is not by any means the first time this has happened.

No matter how important the mail is to customers, there was no thought of inconvenience or public service. I would not have known of this had we not been waiting for a letter, which we had been assured was posted first class two days before.

I am told the Post Office side of the business will stay as it is. Perhaps under new ownership this office could at long last be made wheelchair accessible – altogether more disabled friendly.

Several years ago, when the Post Office had a makeover, nothing was done about disabled access. When I asked why the office was configured without wheelchair access at the upper end of the building, instead of the lower end with steps, I was told it was because the mail was delivered through that passage and the public was not allowed to obstruct the mail entrance.

Now is the time to change all that and make the place disabled friendly (no more delivery mail excuses).

The staff in the Post Office are bar none, their service is always first class, which cannot by any means be said of the delivery service.

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Dr. Debbie Flett - Hypnotherapy

With the ever-increasing pressure with new imposed laws to stop smoking, one of the most effective ways for many people to quit is through the use of hypnosis.

"What can I expect when booking a session?"

Clients who would like treatment to stop smoking will first be given an assessment to make sure that they are fully committed to stop. Don't, however, automatically assume that you can book a session and have treatment straight away. After a successful assessment the treatment will be fully explained. There is only one session, which lasts approximately two hours. This includes the 20 minutes assessment. You will be given some very good research literature, along with a reinforcement CD, to take away with you. You are strongly advised to listen to it for 14 days, once daily. You will also be given a certificate of achievement and commitment after seven days. During 14 days you have full telephone support if needed. You will be contacted after four weeks purely for record-keeping purposes.

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2. Does the company carry insurance?

Workers compensation and liability insurance to be specific. If a worker is hurt and the roofing contractor does not have insurance the homeowner is liable. Ask to have current certificates sent to you. Do not accept the roofing contractor at their word. They may carry health, life and car insurance. Bland assurances of insurance coverage may refer to these. (Does your roofer's insurance cover him if he is not qualified)?

3. What is the company's workmanship warranty?

Some warranties are for one year, some are longer. The length of a roofing contractors warranty is not really as important as customer referrals. Most workmanship errors will be found within the first year, probably the first good storm. The reason this question is important is most roofing contractors will warranty the workmanship, and the manufacturer will warranty the product as long as it is installed correctly. Make sure you understand warranties.

4. Does your roofer carry out risk assessments and method statements for each job by a qualified site supervisor? What is a risk assessment?

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D. Record your findings and record them
E. Review your assessment and update if necessary

5. Is your roofer trained to work at heights?

Does your roofer have an NVQ or are trained/approved in the job to be carried out?

How do I choose a roofing contractor?

One of the best places to start looking is in the NFRC (National Federation of Roofing Contractors) Directory, which lists proven property professionals from all over the UK. Always make sure the roofing contractor you hire is registered.

Weeding out the cowboys, or how to spot a dishonest contractor.

It is every homeowner's nightmare. Hiring a contractor that seemed capable on first impression, only to have them make a mess of your beautiful home through lack of skill! Luckily, your best protection against this disappointment is good old-fashioned word of mouth. Ask friends, family or neighbours for

recommendations (or warnings!) regarding local contractors. Ask them if the work was completed to schedule and within budget. Also, you can ask the prospective contractor for a portfolio of references and photos of their work. Any good contractor will be happy to show you these. If they're not, it's probably best to look elsewhere.

What to look out for

•Commonly used 'sales pitches': Anything that sounds too good to be true usually is. Be especially aware of very low initial estimates.

•Door knockers: never hire a contractor who offers their services door to door.

•Pointing out fictional problems: View descriptions of awful or very complicated problems with suspicion. If you can't easily find out about it online, it's probably not true.

•"It's urgent!": Undue stress of this point is always a bad sign. An honest contractor will not pressure you into making a decision.

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Pricing for roofing jobs depends on the extent and complexity of the job and on the materials used. For example, imported slate is very expensive, but locally sourced slate can be more economical, and manufactured slating, like fibre cement, can be cheaper still. No matter which roofing material you choose, always consider written quotes (never verbal!) before settling on a roofing contractor. Most professionals will produce a quote within 2 or 3 days.

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If you can't stand the heat get in the kitchen

MARIANNA BROWNING is living proof that the old adage "If you can't stand the heat, get out of the kitchen" is not true.
After 12 hectic years as an events organiser in the big smoke of London, Marianna decided she couldn't stand the heat any longer and made the move to Bridport.
Far from staying out of the kitchen Marianna set up her business "Scoff" and now provides cakes for all manner of events.
Here she tells TOM GLOVER her story.

HAVING finally had enough of conferences, promotions and product launches Marianna decided to change her lifestyle with a move to the West Dorset coast.

Despite enjoying her time in London it soon became apparent to Marianna that her new lifestyle wouldn't work with her city career.

"As an events organiser work was very stressful because you have to rely on so many other people to pull everything together," she said.

"I loved it and I miss it occasionally but I don't miss the lifestyle. I don't think you could be that hectic and do that sort of work and still live in Bridport because this place sort of encourages you to chill a little bit."

In search of a new career that she could fit in around raising her two young girls Marianna decided upon "Scoff", a business that daughters May and Daisy definitely approve of.

Marianna said: "The best part of my job is the flexibility, I get to be a mum as much as I want to be. It's massively flexible which is the nirvana of work that everybody strives for.

"The kids are so over excited everyday because there are cakes all over the place, which they are not allowed to eat.

"At the moment the girls just want to eat it, they don't actually understand the concept of actually making something with ingredients and then getting an end product. It's more about how much they can get into their mouth."

Although her girls are much more interested in eating cakes rather than baking them, for the time being, she is very keen that they develop a good foundation in cooking.

"I remember cooking with my mum. She was at home everyday and she cooked and cooked and cooked. That was my memory of her, putting family meals on the table. She didn't bake a great deal but cooking was huge and we learnt to cook meals for ourselves at a very young age, certainly much younger than health and safety would feel was appropriate," she joked.

"Whether my girls show an interest or an aptitude I don't know, but even as a basic skill, cooking is something I think they should have.

"I do think in this day and age being able to make a nutritious meal is one of the basic core skills everybody should have and unfortunately not everybody does have it. At least if my children have it I'll feel I've achieved something.

"I don't buy any pre packed food. In the main it is things I've made from scratch, it's healthier, it has less salt, less fat, it tastes twice as good and it means they know what real food tastes like. If they're very good they might get a cupcake when they come home from school."

Having decided upon her business Marianna soon found her first, and most loyal client, Steve Attrill of The Hive Beach Café in Burton Bradstock.

Eighteen-months down the line Marianna still provides cakes to the café and her popularity has seen her build up a list of private clients.

"The business is developing slowly and we need to keep it under control because I don't want to put in so much time that I don't have time for my children," she said.

"It's work and a hobby all rolled into one and it is something that when the girls are older I can step up, which I quite intend to do and use the foundation I have got to make a proper business out of it."

Marianna is currently in the process of moving house from which she hopes to offer cookery courses in the future. When her children are a bit older Marianna hopes to start running small cookery courses offering casual chefs advice on cooking for children, low fat food and food for entertaining among other topics.

At first adapting to country life was a little difficult for Marianna but she is now more than happy to be living life on Bridport time.

"It took some adjustment but in a really nice way. It was a nice lesson to learn that life doesn't have to be lived at that sort of pace, with your blinkers on. You can actually stop and enjoy it and make a life for yourself and that is what it's all about," she said.

"I don't miss city life at all, I haven't been back since and I have no intention of going back. I'd rather go to the beach than go to London.

"I'm really glad I had that time because it's made me appreciate what I have here and I think I might have been restless not knowing what else was available so I think it all happened at the right time."

A childhood spent cooking with her mum in the kitchen almost definitely laid the foundations for Marianna's career, but that is a nostalgic memory that she would like to keep in the past.

Her mum still lives in Kent but with a flat in Bridport where she may one day move to cast an eye over her daughter's work.

"I think she is raising her eyebrows in astonishment that I can make a living out of cooking cakes, she thinks it is just utterly bizarre that it is something that someone can make a living out of and fairly bizarre that I would want to do it," she said.

"Luckily for me she is not as sprightly as she was 10-years-ago so she won't be taking over in the kitchen but she might come and knit in the corner and offer me advice.

"I think she'd like to be involved but probably just coming in and having a taste and then taking cakes out to the girls and pretending she made them."

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The New Curiosity Shop – not just on your High Street but now online!

The New Curiosity Shop was established in November 2008 as the first shop to open on the Brewery Square development in the heart of Dorchester town centre. It is the perfect setting for this wonderful store, as it is surround by other superb traders such as neighbouring Simon's Deli and Panini's Café. The shop itself has a vibrant and varied range that truly puts the individuality back into your shopping basket. This is complemented by its beautifully designed lay out and décor.

The New Curiosity Shop is proud to offer it's customers "inspirational gifts, jewellery and furniture", a claim which is delivered on all counts, with quality items that you will be proud to own and show to your friends and family.

Coeur de Lion is a world-renowned jewellery range, famous for its cubed collection of necklaces, bracelets and earrings. The Spring/Summer collection is now in-store. For the guys they also feature Fred Bennett for men, a modern range of silver and stainless steel pendants, bracelets and rings; as well as the Simon Carter iconic British collection that includes contemporary style cufflinks, wallets, pens, bags and coming soon retro style watches.

You will also discover some unusual items which are certain to become must have items in the near future suchas Reisenthel's chic shopping baskets and bags. These are flawless in design and versatile for shopping in style about town or at the local market.

Sarah Hough creates contemporary paper goods on 100% recycled paper. She is proud that her stationery is both designed and printed in Dorset. This range is available through The New Curiosity Shop along side rustic hand made furniture made from reclaimed timber and metal in the designers Dorset workshop these are beautiful, functional and unique pieces of furniture including bespoke mirrors, coffee tables, display units and wine racks. Continuing the home and interior theme, a Dorset based award winning photographer shows atmospheric photographs of Dorset coast and landscapes through the shop. These are sold as stunning signed mounted prints ready to be framed.

If you have children, you will want to check out the Radioflyer range which includes wagons, trikes and ride-ons which are retro, fun and very popular last year with festival goers with children. High quality and made to last, Radioflyer is now in its 92nd year. Radioflyer create some of the world's best-loved toys.

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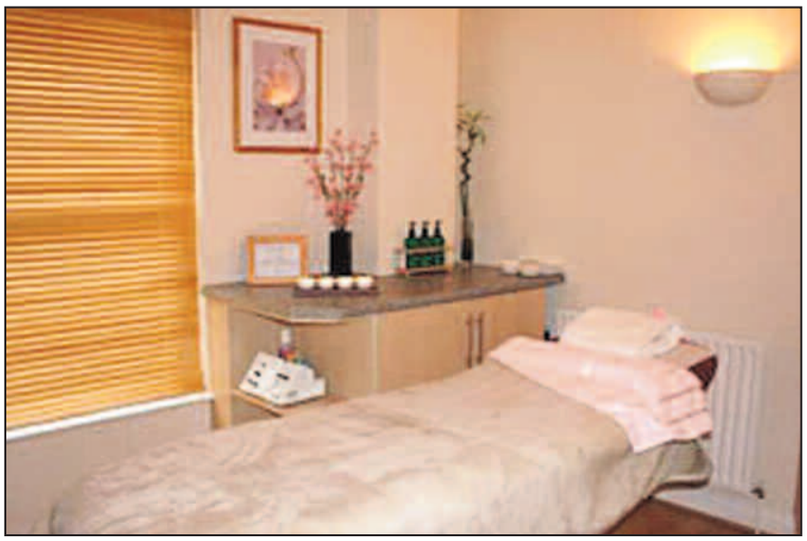

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All of the individual items on sale are made of solid wood such as oak, pine and mahogany. You will find hand painted pieces in the beautiful French style that is eternally fashionable, as well as unpainted items. These are created from quality vintage and antique furniture. You will also find some superb original French examples.

The quality of products and craftsmanship, coupled with exceptional customer services has already earned the shop repeat business even though it has only been open since January 2nd this year. Look out in the spring for some wonderful garden furniture and beautiful planted pales.

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On the rails you will find items of everyday and evening wear from High Street favourites like Monsoon, along side labels from fashion giants such as Vivian Westwood, Armani, Karen Millen and Yves Saint Laurent. The shop is great for dressing for any special occasion and welcomes Brides, their mums and anybody else who needs that prefect individual outfit.

Victoria's Closet is also a must for accessories, offering new, pre-owned and vintage jewellery, as well as stylish handbags by the likes of Louis Vuitton and Dolche and Gabanna. You will also find a delicious range of underwear and corsets.

What better place to have a girly party and spend the evening trying on fantastic clothes with a few glasses of bubbly and scrumptious nibbles? If it's your birthday, hen party or you just fancy a girly night, call Victoria's Closet today and bring Sex And The City to Dorchester with exclusive use of the shop in the evening.

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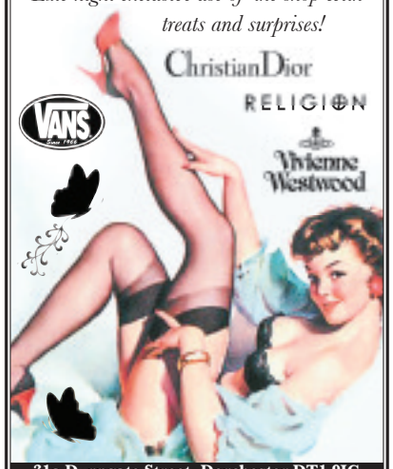

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Budding models shooting for the stars

A modelling competition organised to raise money for a children's charity Get Kids Going! saw a stream of potential wannabees stop by at Ian Radford's mobile Natural Focus Photography studio in South Street, Dorchester last weekend.

Ian's idea is to raise money for the charity that helps disabled children and young people up to the age of 26-years-old to participate in sport, is this is just one of a number of events that he is organising in a bid to raise £6000 by the end of July to buy two wheelchairs.

The ladies received a makeover from Medusa Apothecary before being photographed.

This week Ian will choose a male and female model who will win a photo shoot session at his studio, with the lucky lady also receiving a makeover before the shoot.

Get Kids Going!

▲ Mitch Williams of Natural Focus Photography has Tom Prior in her sights

▲ Sarah Flewett receives her makeover from Danielle De-Bear of Medusa Apothecary prior to being photographed

Monstrous Easter fun!

The award winning Dinosaur Museum is the only museum on mainland Britain dedicated to dinosaurs, and is a treat, especially for children. The museum combines life-sized reconstructions of dinosaurs with fossils and skeletons to create an exciting hands-on experience. Multimedia displays tell the story of the giant prehistoric animals and their enthralling world millions of years ago.

The Great Easter Dinosaur Egg Hunt is the Easter Egg Hunt with a difference and is held at the Dinosaur Museum tall over the Easter weekend. The Great Dinosaur Easter Egg Hunt involves children in actually hunting throughout the museum to spot the dinosaur eggs on display. As well as this, children have to discover the answers to various clues in the Dinosaur Mystery.

Dinosaurs reproduced by laying eggs in nests on the ground. Dinosaur eggs have been found all over the world although discoveries of dinosaur eggs in England are rare. However, the Dinosaur Museum, in Dorchester, has several superb dinosaur eggs on display from other parts of the world.

The Great Dinosaur Egg Hunt is from Good Friday 2nd April to Bank Holiday Easter Monday 5th April at the Dinosaur Museum, in Dorchester. It's monster fun for all the family whatever the weather. There are prizes for all participating children. The Dinosaur Museum is open daily from 9.30 to 5.30. For further information phone 01305 269880 or visit www.thedinosaurmuseum.com

Easter holiday family days out

For family fun during the Easter holidays, why not join in with one of the popular family workshops at Dorset County Museum? On Wednesday 7 April, artist Peter Ursem, whose work is featured in the current exhibition ***Dorset Footprint,*** will be running an imaginative drawing and painting workshop entitled *Bumblebee Celebrates his Birthday.* This will take place between 10 and 11.30 am and 2 and 3.30pm. On the following Wednesday (14 April) between 10.30 am and 12.30 pm, there will be a family printing activity using lino, potatoes, stamps and screens. All are welcome and each activity costs just £3 per child.

On 23 April (St George's Day) there will be a lively folk concert at the Museum featuring ***Fingerz 'N' Fretz.*** Made up of local musicians Jerry Bird and James Findlay, Fingerz 'N' Fretz are an established and very popular local folk duo. James has recently won further acclaim by winning the BBC's young folk musician of the year 2010 competition so this event promises to be very popular. Tickets cost just £7.50 and are available now from the Museum.

The current exhibition at Dorset County Museum which runs until 24 April is entitled ***Dorset Footprint***. It showcases recent works by Dutch artist, Peter Ursem who has won wide acclaim for his distinctive woodcuts, lino cuts and woodengravings of the Dorset landscape. Sales of Peter's work are already going well so if you would like to acquire a beautiful piece of Dorset-related art, come along before 24 April. Entry is free.

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Open forum meeting a success

▲ Phil Gordon with Directors and representatives of BID Businesses (photo:mac@imagesphotography.tv)

Phil Gordon, BID Project Director, and some of the Directors and representatives of BID businesses attended a successful Open Forum Meeting on Tuesday 2nd March. This was a chance to air views and consider ideas for implementing or adding to the projects being undertaken.

There was a lengthy discussion of the topical issue of A boards and the BID plan to offer ladder boards as an alternative.

Amongst other ideas put forward were: getting Dorchester articles into foreign magazines particularly to capitalise on interest in Thomas Hardy, a major cycling event (TH would have approved!), support for Blue Badge guides, more hanging baskets and disabled friendly pedestrianisation.

The Board will consider all ideas mentioned. If you were unable to attend and wish to add any please send them to Phil Gordon at philg@dorchesterdorset.co.uk

What the Romans Did!

This is another family event taking place on May bank holiday weekend, 30th and 31st May, where you can all get creative at the Dorchester Roman Town House. Drop in between 10.30am to 5pm and make a mosaic and help make Roman costume jewellery. The Ancient Wessex Network will display art and craft inspired by the Romans and demonstrate their techniques using clay, metal and textiles.

If you are visiting on the bank holiday Monday, why not bring a picnic and take part in the National Family Week Picnic. Bring your picnic to the Roman Town House between 12.00 and 2.00pm and join in the World Record breaking attempt for the biggest picnic ever.

Please visit the Roman Town House website for more details on future events.

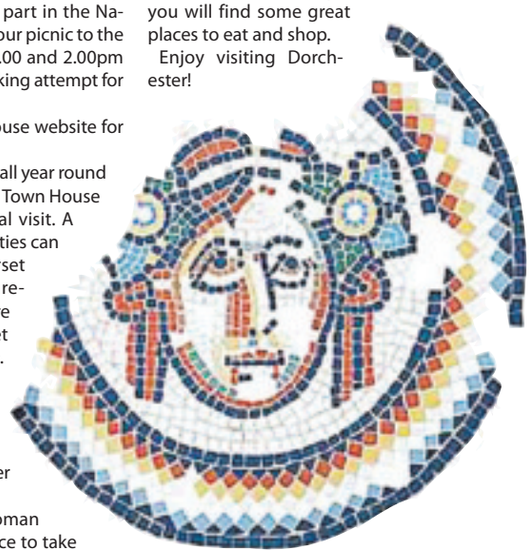
The Roman Town House is open all year round and admission is free. The Roman Town House is an ideal site for an educational visit. A guided tour and associated activities can be booked through the Dorset County Museum. Educational resources for use in the classroom are available through the Dorset County Schools Library Service. For a fee, an artefact box can be loaned, the box contains a range of small items reflecting life in a Roman Town House over the period that the Dorchester House was occupied.

Joining the Friends of the Roman Town House will give you a chance to take part in events, meet new friends and learn more about the site. Membership starts at £5.00 per year for individuals and £10.00 for families.

Why not try a visit to the 360 degrees virtual tour of the Roman Town House to get an overview of this fantastic family attraction and be part of our Roman past. There are also many Roman finds to be found in the Dorset County Museum.

Combine your visit to the Dorchester Roman Town House with a trip around the town where you will find some great places to eat and shop.

Enjoy visiting Dorchester!



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Spooky company for high tea

Built in 1635, this Grade II listed building is one of the oldest in the town and was the Abbot's residence. It has been a tea room since 1902 and has been superbly and sympathetically renovated by the current owners, Derek and Deborah Dalley, including the refurbishment of the old gas lamps which still work.

They also found a copy of the Abbot's Bible with a 15th century cover over a 12th century manuscript, lodged up the main chimney.

Derek is a chef and prepares most of the food which he tries to source from local farms and producers in the country. All of the cakes and scones are baked fresh every morning, and they serve good, hearty breakfasts from 7.30am to 10.00am.

As well as the traditional 'cream teas' there is always homemade soup of the day, a wide selection of sandwiches and hot baguettes and a daily 'specials' board.

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Tea and history anyone?

The Duke of Monmouth landed at Lyme Regis on the 11th June 1685 to challenge King James' claim to the throne, following the death of Charles II. He assembled an army in excess of 3000 men and marched to Sedgemoor in Somerset.

He was defeated by the King's army in less than a month. Around 1300 were taken prisoner. Five Judges came to Dorchester with the infamous Judge Jeffreys, whose reputation was that of the 'hanging judge'.

In September 1685, 312 cases were heard in the Oakroom at the rear of the Antelope Hotel; of these 292 were sentenced to death. Only 74 were executed, with 175 transported, 9 were fined or whipped and 54 were discharged.

Judge Jeffreys – having his eye on promotion – was later made Lord Chancellor.

When King James fell and William of Orange landed in Torbay, Jeffreys was captures and imprisoned in the Tower of London. He died in 1689 while awaiting trial, probably of natural causes. Rumours at the time said he has been poisoned while in the Tower and that his body had been returned to Dorchester and walled up in the Courtroom – now the Oakroom.

This 17th Century Oak panelled room has been carefully restored to maintain its character and original features.

Today it is called The Oakroom and is a delightful tearoom, with a peaceful, tranquil atmosphere, replicating the style and service of a Lyons Corner House.

The Oakroom of today serves a variety of light meals throughout the day and service is a high priority. The staff at the Oakroom pride themselves on their high levels of customer service, creating a warm, homely atmosphere where you can enjoy lovely lunches and of course, Dorset clotted cream teas.

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Successful Open Day at Figure 8

Figure 8 opened its doors in Antelope Walk, Dorchester on 31st October 2009, and owner Elaine Keetch has not looked back since. The shop inside is beautifully laid out and stocks quality clothing with the emphasis on the larger woman. There is a wonderful mix of different looks with something for everyone, including superb accessories among which are some stunning pieces of chunky jewellery. This is the kind of shop that you can walk into and not feel the slightest bit uncomfortable about being a larger size.

From owning a bridal and eveningwear shop in Wells, Elaine moved first to Yeovil and has now settled in the county town. She said: "I am very pleased with the way the first four months in Dorchester have gone. This is a good town with a strong community involvement, and I am looking forward to the future of Figure 8 with a great deal of confidence." Elaine is aiming to increase her size range in August to include 12 – 30, with the emphasis on 18+. She also hopes to introduce her own label in September with clothing she will design herself. This will provide some unique outfits and enable Elaine to take full advantage of her training in fashion design.

Figure 8 held an open day at the weekend to invite customers both old and new to come and browse through her amazing clothes. With bucks fizz, wine, and cup cakes tempting people through the door, Elaine and her staff were as welcoming as ever and incredibly helpful. Advice on shades and style comes as second nature. A photo shoot took place during the afternoon, with Elaine's very own model, Justin Orwin, looking great in designs from her current range. The shop also offers make-overs to customers to give a whole new look and boost your confidence by Experimenting with different colours and clothing. This comes with the opportunity to have your very own photo-shoot. So if you want to look good and want to feel comfortable about yourself and your size, you need go no further than Figure 8.

▲ Elaine inside the well laid out shop

▲ Make-up expert Claire Perry works her magic on model Justin Orwin

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View 2 Music

How old is too old for the club scene?

LAST week I want clubbing; something I don't do all that often these days. Now approaching my mid-30s, most of my friends have better things to do (like bringing up their children, for starters) whilst even I'm usually more inclined to curl up with a hot chocolate and retire to bed rather than staying up to the small hours.

The last time I set foot in a club was June '09, when I found myself in Queenstown – New Zealand's number one party town and the world capital of extreme sports. This is a place strictly for "cool dudes," so quite what I was doing there I'm not sure!

I was the oldest person in this particular club – the name of which escapes me – by about ten years. I barely recognised a tune all evening and spent the night trying to work out why so many clubbers were sporting woolly ski hats when a) we were inside and b) it was boiling hot. I never did work that one out, but I did decide that this would be the last time I'd go clubbing. I'm just too old for it these days, I thought.

There might be a few of you out there – dare I say it – even older than me, that think going to clubs like Flares and Reflex (that specialise in playing tunes from the Seventies and Eighties respectively) still counts. Sorry, they don't; they're just too naff to be included as proper clubs!

Anyway, I digress. A month or so ago a mate of mine down in Southampton asked if I was up for catching a DJ set by Peter Hook. Now Hooky, as us Joy Division / New Order fans like to call him, has been more than busy since leaving the group back in 2006. Originally he said the band had split, but the rest of New Order carried on without him changing their name to Bad Lieutenant in the process (probably to keep Hooky's lawyers at bay).

First off, Hooky wrote a book on his adventures (but more misadventures) as co-owner of Manchester's legendary nightclub, The Haçienda, which was open from 1982 to 1997.

'How Not To Run A Club' is a fantastic read that anyone with the slightest interest in the "Madchester" / acid house scene won't be able to put down. It will also leave you even more gobsmacked on hearing the the news that since publishing said book, Hooky's only gone and opened another club – FAC251 The Factory - which is named after his old record label. Talk about not learning your lesson!

Peter has two bands on the go – The Light and supergroup Freebass (comprising solely of bass players) – and also has a forthcoming tour where he'll be giving a talk, followed by a Q&A session hosted by Howard Marks.

When he does have a spare five minutes – and that can't be very often - Hooky can often be found DJing in nightclubs around the UK. An article on whether or not DJing really is an art form in itself can be saved for a rainy day (although I can assure you it is). But Hooky's set was no example of mind-blowing turntabling skills - it was all about giving the crowd what they wanted.

By the time he hit the stage at The Soul Cellar in Southampton, most of the crowd (of a very mixed age group, I hasten to add… I wasn't the oldest – hoorah!) knew what they wanted to hear.

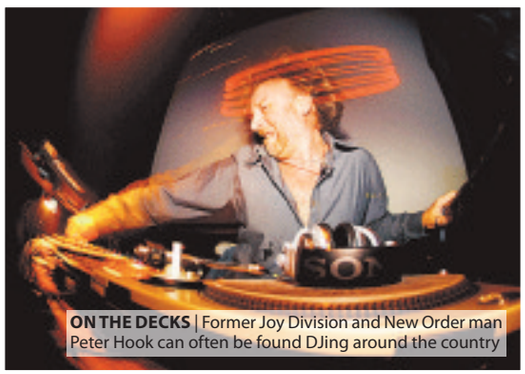
Hooky delivered, with every other track being a New Order or Joy Division number – with many a cool remix along the way – and plenty of great tunes by other artists along the way.

Proving Hooky bears no grudge to former band mate Bernard Sumner, he even played one of Barney's tunes that he recorded with The Chemical Brothers a few years back (although I didn't hear any Bad Lieutenant!).

I always thought being in a band playing your own songs to an audience that loves 'em must be the best job in the world. I still do. But just turning up with a couple of decks and a laptop – rather than a bunch of people and a load of instruments – playing your own tunes *and* your favourites by other artists? Well, that certainly doesn't sound a bad shout, does it?

For those purists who want to be impressed by cutting edge DJ skills when they go clubbing, I'd say it's not how you play it but what you play. Hooky's setlist was dancefloor heaven. And he's 54. Perhaps I'm not too old to go clubbing after all?

by James Coles



ON THE DECKS | Former Joy Division and New Order man Peter Hook can often be found DJing around the country

Harmonica Hero for the Halls

SATURDAY (April 3rd) sees the first in a series of concerts at Lyme Regis' Woodmead Halls, with blues harmonica maestro Paul Lamb and The Kingsnakes kicking off the series.

Hailed as Europe's foremost blues harmonica exponent, Paul Lamb has sold record breaking quantities of albums and performed the world over with his long standing musical compatriots the Kingsnakes, featuring long time vocalist and guitarist, Chad Strenz, and former Van Morrison bassman, Rod Demick.

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The band have won countless awards and have been voted Top British Blues Band more times than any other. They breath sheer class and this show is a must for all blues fans!

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Tickets for this incredible concert can be obtained from Lyme Regis Tourist Information Centre (telephone 01297 442138), or from Focus, 62 Broad Street, Lyme Regis. Alternatively you can get your tickets online at www.lymeregis.tv or www.woodmeadhalls.org.uk

HARPING ON | Paul Lamb and his Kingsnakes will bring the best of British Blues

Wessex Military Band Invites You

ANYONE who has been watching Sue Perkins attempting to breathe new life into the Dinnington Colliery Brass Band on BBC 2 on Monday nights will know how hard it is to keep voluntary wind bands afloat these days. Fortunately for the Bridport bands, they have all been very well supported by locals, tourists and the town council alike so are all thriving, much to the delight of players and audiences alike.

The Wessex Military Band is one local band that has done exceptionally well in the last two years. It has won several awards for best band, best marching display and most entertaining band of the various concerts it has performed in. It has travelled around Europe, having been booked to play at various tattoos and festivals. It has been honoured to have been conducted by two top conductors from the Army and Marines Band Services, including Chris Davies OBE, who has offered to return to rehearse and conduct the band again later in the year, and it has recently been invited to perform at the very popular Maltese Military Tattoo which takes place in October. Currently the band is rehearsing for its latest performance at Bridport Arts Centre on Sunday, April 11th April at 6pm, Box Office 01308 424204. Tickets £8, concessions £6.

The band would also like to invite new members to join this unique band, which guarantees travel, playing alongside professionals and a once in a lifetime experience no other bands can offer. Currently, owing to some of its members being busy with commitments in the British Army Band Service, it is looking for 1st and 3rd Clarinet, 1st cornet and piccolo players but welcomes enquires from other sections. Come along and speak to members on the night, phone the band office answerphone on 01308 425010, or email them at wsxmilitaryband@btinternet.com

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Music Centre celebrates 25th anniversary

WEST Dorset Music Centre celebrated their 25th anniversary with a concert at beaminster school, involving members of the Orchestra, senior Wind Band, Boogie band and String band as well as former members and friends.

Solos on flute and clarinet were performed by Grace Dawson and Ella Horne.

The orchestra in rehearsal

Poetry for Pleasure

by Frank McGarry

The Approach of Spring

They say that it will soon be spring
With painted flowers and scented breeze,
So joyfully the birds do sing.

Chiffchaffs will soon be on the wing,
And blackbirds group in twos and threes:
They say that it will soon be spring.

Sweet honeysuckle starts to cling
While daffs attract the early bees;
So joyfully the birds do sing.

The season's started with a swing,
We welcome it upon our knees;
They say that it will soon be spring.

We measure out the rows with string
Then plant broad beans and sugar peas;
So joyfully the birds do sing.

Old men their pints of bitter bring
To sit and stare beneath the trees;
They say that it will soon be spring,
So joyfully the birds do sing.

That cheering poem came from Anne Kaye and we all hope she is right. Winter has lasted far too long this year. Easter arrives this week, with its happy story of the resurrection, and spring is here bringing the countryside back to life. It brings many of us back to life too: some are venturing into their gardens again, others maybe spring-cleaning indoors. I hope spring is putting a spring back into your step. As Henry Wadsworth Longfellow entreats us in his 'Psalm of Life,' "let us then be up and doing, with a heart for any fate."

A Psalm of Life

Tell me not in mournful numbers,
Life is but an empty dream!
For the soul is dead that slumbers,
And things are not what they seem.

Life is real! Life is earnest!
And the grave is not its goal;
Dust thou are, to dust thou returnest,
Was not spoken of the soul.

Not enjoyment, and not sorrow,
Is our destined end or way;
But to act, that each tomorrow
Find us farther than today.

Art is long, and Time is fleeting,
And our hearts, though stout and brave,
Still, like muffled drums, are beating
Funeral marches to the grave.

In the world's broad field of battle,
In the bivouac of Life,
Be not like dumb, driven cattle!
Be a hero in the strife!

Trust no Future, howe'er pleasant!
Let the dead Past bury its dead!
Act, - act in the living Present!
Heart within, and God o'erhead!

Lives of great men all remind us
We can make our lives sublime,
And, departing, leave behind us
Footprints on the sand of time;

Footprints, that perhaps another,
Sailing o'er life's solemn main,
A forlorn and shipwrecked brother,
Seeing, shall take heart again.
Let us then be up and doing,
With a heart for any fate;
Still achieving, still pursuing,
Learn to labor and to wait.

If you have a short poem of your own that you would like to share with our readers please send it to: "Poetry for Pleasure", View from Publishing Ltd., St Michael's Business Centre, Lyme Regis, Dorset, DT7 3QF.
Or e-mail it to us at:
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Alice at the Palace

THE Electric Palace, Bridport is showing the latest release children's film Alice In Wonderland (PG) for Easter week and is offering a children's meal deal of burger, chips and a drink for just £4.50!

Alice In Wonderland will be showing twice daily at 11am and 2pm from Friday 2nd April to Thursday 8th April.

Committed to offering local audiences the very best value for money, all seats will be just £2.50 from Monday to Friday and £3.50 on a Saturday and Sunday.

From Walt Disney Pictures and visionary director Tim Burton comes an epic fantasy adventure Alice In Wonderland, a magical and imaginative twist on some of the most beloved stories of all time. Johnny Depp stars as the Mad Hatter and Mia Wasikowska as 19-year-old Alice, who returns to the whimsical world she first encountered as a young girl, reuniting with her childhood friends: the White Rabbit, Tweedledee and Tweedledum, the Dormouse, the Caterpillar, the Cheshire Cat, and of course, the Mad Hatter.

The Electric Palace is also a host venue for From Page to Screen from Monday 2nd April to Thursday 8th April and will be showing an evening movie daily at 7.30pm. Monday 5th - Where The Wild Things Are (Cert PG), Tuesday 6th - The Boys Are Back (Cert 12), Wednesday 7th – A Single Man (12a), Thursday 8th – My Last Five Girlfriends (Cert 12a). Tickets are £7 for adults and £5 for under 25s and can be bought in advance from Bridport Arts Centre.

For the From Page to Screen film nights, the Palace is opening their kitchens to offer delicious pre-film meals from 6pm! Make a night of it and enjoy a wide choice of real burgers from a spicy Cajun burger to a homemade veggie burger and the best ever homemade chips. To reserve a table call 01308 428354.

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Could politics delay The Apprentice?

RUMOURS that the next series of The Apprentice is to be delayed until next year have been denied by the BBC.

Tabloid reports suggested that the TV show could be scrapped for 2010 if there is a hung parliament.

The BBC have already delayed the series, which usually begins in March, due to Lord Alan Sugar's position within the Labour Party. In order to maintain political impartiality the corporation decided to delay broadcasting until November.

But as polls predict that neither of the two major parties will win an outright majority in this year's general election, speculation is rife that the show will be rescheduled again.

A source told The Sun: "The Apprentice lasts for three months so it will prove very hard to find a slot for it this year if there is a hung Parliament."

A BBC spokesperson denied the claims, saying: "It's all speculation. We've filmed a series but scheduling decisions haven't been made. The date for the general election hasn't even been announced."

BLIND Date legend Cilla Black has revealed that she could be set to make a guest appearance in Coronation Street.

The TV presenter told how she has been approached by Coronation Street bosses in the past, but turned them down.

Cilla told the Daily Mirror: "They have asked me to join the show. It's not their first approach - they have asked me several times. I love Corrie, but I keep saying no.

"I couldn't cope with all the hours they do, they work them like dogs. It's really hard work.

"I'd love to do more acting. It would be nice to do a cameo, but even Ian McKellen worked long hours when he did it for a while. If the role was right, I would do a one-off thing."

But it doesn't look like Cilla's cameo is going to happen anytime soon.

A Corrie insider was quoted as saying: "No approach has been made for Cilla to appear in the show.

"Cilla's far too recognisable as Cilla Black. Corrie isn't a show that has people appearing as themselves."

IN DEMAND | Coverage of Rooney and co will be split

ENGLAND'S World Cup games were split by TV bosses yesterday after weeks of negotiation.

ITV1 will screen England's first two group games, the first against the USA on Saturday, June 12th at 7.30pm, and the second against Algeria on Friday, June 18th at 7.30pm.

England's final group game against Slovenia will air on Wednesday, June 23rd at 3pm on BBC1. The BBC will also broadcast the team's first two knock-out matches, should they progress that far. If England reach the semi-final, the match will be simulcast live by both broadcasters.

The final on Sunday, July 11th in Johannesburg will also be screened on both BBC1 and ITV1, regardless of which teams make it that far.

ITV controller of sport Niall Sloane said: "We're delighted that ITV will kick off coverage of this summer's World Cup and that England's two opening games will be shown live on ITV1 in peak time.

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BBC head of TV sport Philip Bernie added: "The BBC are very happy with how the TV split of matches for the World Cup has been resolved.

"The BBC has some of the most appetising of the group fixtures, and will be showing live every England match from their final group game onwards, so we hope to be with them for a long and successful campaign.

"The BBC will aim again to capture the very best of the biggest event of the year across all its outlets." Both channels will also stream the games they are showing live online.

by Philip Evans

BBC Young Folk Star To Play Turkish Folk Fusion

IN 2008 Dogan Mehmet's Anglo-Turkish music was recognised for its beauty and rareness when he was selected as a finalist for the BBC Radio 2 Young Folk Award. Since this early success, he has formed an outstanding backing band 'The Deerhunters' and is enjoying growing success a new British folk star, which has seen him sharing the stage with English folk greats Eliza and Martin Carthy.

Born and bred in Brighton, Mehmet is a second generation Turkish Cypriot, with both sides of his family from the island. His heritage forms a big part of his musical identity, alongside his love for the rich cultural heritage of English traditional music.

Dogan plays violin, guitar, melodeon, tenor guitar as well as many Turkish instruments in a wide cross-section of styles from jazz to soul. With his band The Deerhunters he mixes traditions to create an Anglo-Turkish fusion of gypsy-jazz and folk.

After a very successful first UK tour, Dogan has recently finished working on his debut album 'Gypsyhead', a captivating and energetic mixture of self-penned material and driven tunes from the English Morris and Turkish and Greek Cypriot traditions, giving the Deerhunters a real, diverse sound that screams 'World Fusion'. MOJO reviewed the album *"Whether in full Turkish mode, re-jigging English trad, or concocting his own patent mixture of the two, it's a remarkable debut ***"*

Dogan Mehmet and the Deerhunters are playing live at the Electric Palace on Wednesday 14th April with tickets on sale now for £6.50 in advance and £8 on the door. For tickets call Bridport Tourist Centre on 01308 424901.

THEY'RE SHOWSTOPPERS!

Bridport Musical Theatre return with new show

THE stars of sell out shows "The Boyfriend" and "Anything Goes" return to the stage next month with "Showstoppers" - a showcase of everything great in musical theatre.

The Bridport Musical Theatre Company have been rehearsing relentlessly all winter to develop an evening of song and dance from some of film, Broadway and the West End's greatest and most loved shows.

The show features many of the cast who have worked on previous shows as well as a new influx of young talent who have joined the group following its recent success.

Choreographer Rebecca Mather has stepped up to take artistic control of proceedings working alongside Director Dave Swaffield and Musical Director Murray Davis.

Also joining the team this year is Vocal coach Trish Symon who has previously worked with the Royal Opera House in London's Covent Garden.

The show features something for all ages with powerful songs from West Side Story, T and Les Miserables. Expertly choreographed dance numbers including tap, salsa and jive routines.

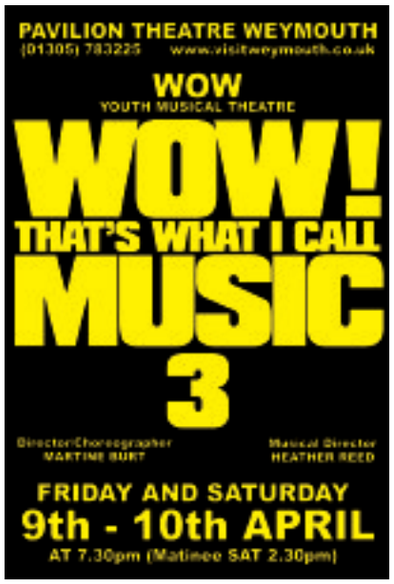
And some fun songs guaranteed to leave audiences with a smile on their faces from shows including Mama Mia, Blues Brothers and Dirty Dancing.

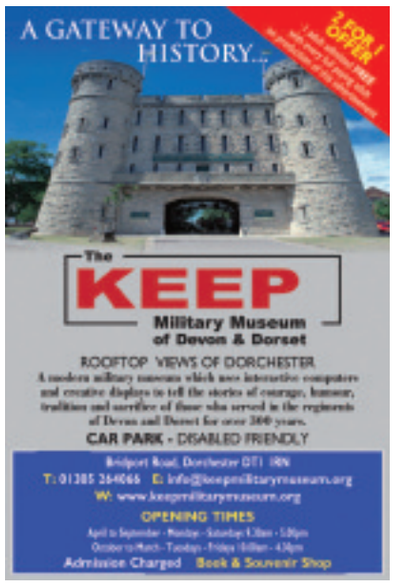
The show is the perfect introduction to the group who hope to build on their rapidly growing reputation before hitting the stage at the end of summer with their next full production.

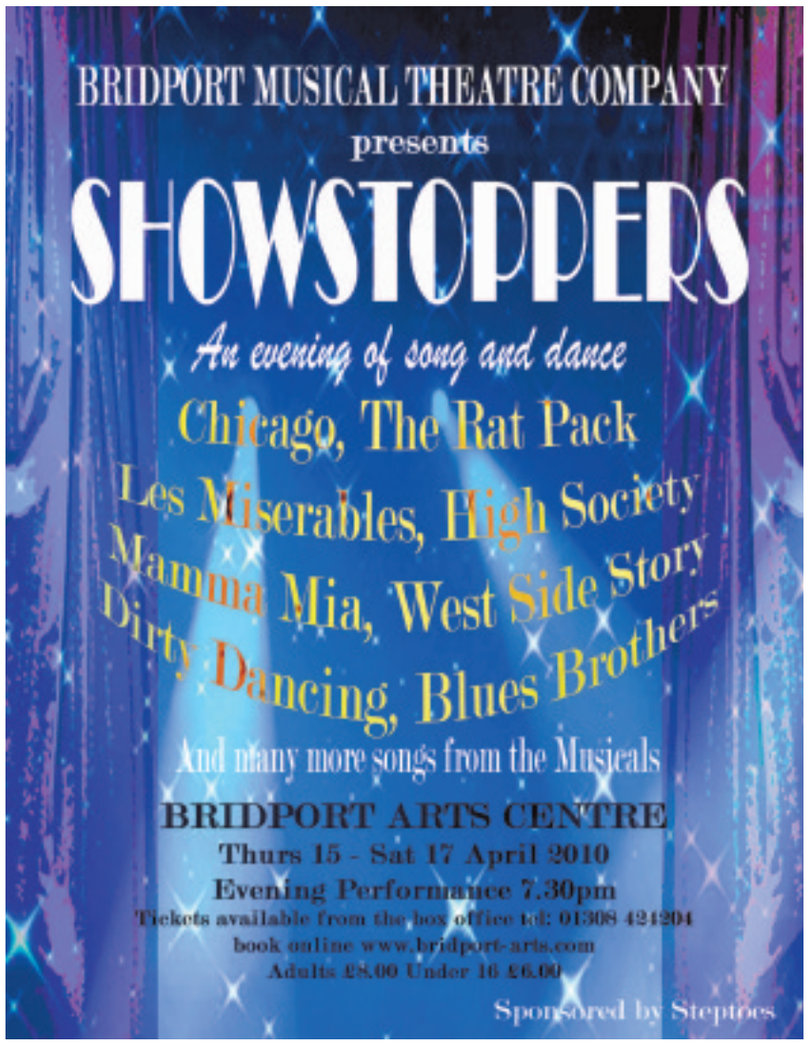
The next show planned for the end of August is "42nd Street", auditions are planned for the end of April.

"Showstoppers" runs from Thursday, April 15th until Saturday, April 17th with evening performances at 7:30pm. Tickets are £8 for adults, £6 for under 16s and are available from the Bridport Arts Centre box office on 01308 424204.

Bridport Musical Theatre Company in last years production "Anything Goes"







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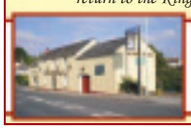

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Titans clash in 3D remake

FROM the creators of "Shrek", "Madagascar" and "Kung Fu Panda" comes new children's action comedy "How To Train Your Dragon" (PG).

The 3D Dreamworks Animation is based on the 2003 book of the same name by Cressida Cowell.

In a mythical world of Vikings and dragons, teenager Hiccup doesn't fit in with his traditional tribe. With hopes of becoming a top dragon slayer like his dad, Stoick the Vast, voiced by Gerard Bulter, Hiccup captures his first beast. Soon realising the dragon isn't vicious at all, he decides to befriend it instead of kill it and opens up a whole new way of life for his tribe.

Other voice talents include America Ferrera ("Ugly Betty"), David Tennant ("Dr Who") and Jonah Hill ("Knocked Up").

DRAGON TRAINER | All start voice cast for Dreamworks latest offering

BASED on the comic book by Mark Miller, superhero comedy "Kick-Ass" (15) has received very positive early reviews.

The film follows teenager Dave Lizewski, who decides to become a modern day superhero called "Kick-Ass". After successfully stopping a gang fight in his costume, "Kick-Ass" becomes an overnight, internet phenomenon.

He soon meets fellow superheroes "Red Mist", "Hit-Girl" and her father, known as "Big Daddy" (Nicolas Cage), and gets himself into a much more serious situation than intended…

AMERICAN romantic drama "Remember Me" (12A) stars Robert Pattison of "Twilight" fame, Emilie De Ravin ("Roswell", "Lost") and Pierce Brosnan ("James Bond").

Set in New York City in the summer of 2001, "Remember Me" follows two young lovers – rebellious Tyler (Pattison), who has a strained relationship with his father (Brosnan) since his parents divorced after his brother's suicide; and Ally (De Ravin), who lives everyday to the fullest since the murder of her mother.

Released Friday, April 2nd

THIS week also sees the release of a remake of the 1981 film "Clash of the Titans" (12A).

The fantasy film is loosely based on the Greek myth of Perseus and stars Sam Worthington ("Avatar").

Having been originally set for release on March 26th, the film was adapted to 3D and will now be released on Friday, April 2nd.

by Francesca Evans

BY NAME AND BY NATURE | Kick-Ass, played by rising star Aaron Johnson

CINEMA LISTINGS

Lyme Regis Regent

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Friday, Apr 2nd - Thursday, Apr 8th

Nanny McPhee and the Big Bang (U)
Daily: 14.25, 17.25, (20.00)
( ) = Subtitled Thursday
Silver Screen **Julie & Julia (12A)**
Thursday: 10.30am. Tickets £3.25

Dorchester Plaza

32 Trinity St., Dorchester
Tel: 01305 262488
www.plazadorchester.com
Friday, Apr 2nd - Thursday, Apr 8th

How to train your dragon (in 3d) (PG)
Daily: 12.30, 15.05, 17.40, 20.10

Nanny McPhee and the Big Bang (U)
Daily: 12.00, 14.35, 17.10, 19.45

Weymouth Cineworld

New Bond St, Weymouth
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www.cineworld.co.uk
Friday, Apr 2nd - Thursday, Apr 8th

Alice in Wonderland 3D (PG)
Daily: 14.00, 16.30

Nanny McPhee & The Big Bang (U)
Daily: 11.10, 12.50, 13.40, 15.20, 16.10, 17.50, 18.50

Shutter Island (15)
Daily: 21.15

The Blind Side (12A)
Fri-Tue: 14.30, 17.20, 20.10
Wed & Thu: 17.20, 20.10

The Bounty Hunter (12A)
Daily: 12.00

How to train your dragon 3D (PG)
Daily: 10.50, 11.40, 13.30, 15.50, 18.10, 20.45

How to train your dragon 2D (PG)
Daily: 10.30, 12.50, 15.10

Kick-Ass (15)
Daily: 11.00, 13.40, 16.15, 17.40, 18.40, 20.20, 21.20

Clash of the Titans 3D (TBC)
Daily: 10.45, 13.15, 15.45, 18.15, 19.00, 20.30, 21.30

Remember Me (12A)
Daily: 11.00, 13.30, 16.00, 18.30, 21.00
Excl: Sat 11.00

The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo (18)
Daily: 20.15

Aliens in the Attic (PG)
Sat: 10.00

Planet 51 (PG)
Sat: 10.10

Race to Witch Mountain (PG) Sat: 10.20

Whip It! (12A)
Wed & Thu: 14.40

ALL LISTINGS ARE SUBJECT TO LATE CHANGES

Film festival launches in Bridport this weekend

THE first "From Page To Screen" film festival will launch in Bridport this weekend with a rare chance to see the critically acclaimed "A Clockwork Orange" on the big screen.

This will mark the start of week film screening and talks culminating in a showing of the Oscar winning film An Education with a talk from the author Lynn barber.

The festival runs throughout the Easter break from Saturday, April 3rd until Friday, April 9th and offers something for film lovers of all ages at the Electric Palace and the Bridport Arts Centre.

Highlights of the week will be a fancy dress Monster Mash party at the showing of "Where the Wild Things Are" and a screening of "Paranoid Park" a film from supporters of Bridport's Trick Factory.

Star appearances and talks include Julian Kemp on My Last Five Girlfriends and Alan Cubitt on The Boys are Back. Top regional speakers include TV producer Daisy Allsop, new Dorset novelist Natasha Solomons and her husband, screenwriter David Solomons. On the opening night "A Clockwork Orange" will be introduced by Dr Ian Hunter, Director of the International Centre for Adaptations at DeMonfort University and author of a forthcoming book on Stanley Kubrick.

Festival spokesman Steven Horner said: "We've really challenged ourselves this year with a full and rich programme, including plenty of films for younger people. We're particularly pleased to have so many expert speakers, several of whom are from the south-west who can put the films in context, give us their insights into the production process and share their views on the art of successful book adaptation."

For more information and to book, call 01308 424204 or book in person at the Bridport Arts Centre Box Office. The full festival programme is available to download at www.frompagetoscreen.org.uk.

From Page To Screen 2010 – full listings guide

Saturday, April 3rd
7.30pm - Bridport Arts Centre
A Clockwork Orange with academic Ian Hunter

Monday, April 5th
2pm - Bridport Arts Centre
Paranoid Park with civil liberties activist Clive Stafford Smith and skaters from Bridport's The Trick Factory
7pm - The Electric Palace
Where the Wild Things Are, featuring all ages monster fancy dress Monster Mash party

Tuesday, April 6th
10.30am - Bridport Arts Centre
The Queen of Spades
2pm - Bridport Arts Centre
Bright Star
5pm - Bridport Arts Centre - FREE
Sui Annuka: Visualising the novel
7.30pm - The Electric Palace
The Boys Are Back with screenwriter Allan Cubitt

Wednesday, April 7th
10.30am - Bridport Arts Centre
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2pm - Bridport Arts Centre
Five Children and It with screenwriter David Solomons

5pm - Bridport Arts Centre - FREE
Natasha & David Solomons: Writing & adapting 'Mr Rosenblum's List'
7.30pm - The Electric Palace
A Single Man with writer & diarist Katherine Bucknell

Thursday, April 8th
10.30am - Bridport Arts Centre
The Lady Vanishes
2pm - Bridport Arts Centre
The Damned United
5pm - Bridport Arts Centre - FREE
James Newman & Iain Simons: James Bond, videogame hero
7.30pm - The Electric Palace
My Last Five Girlfriends with screenwriter and director Julian Kemp

Friday, April 9th
10.30am - Bridport Arts Centre
A Room with a View with writer Horatio Morpurgo
2pm - Bridport Arts Centre
The Informant! with investigative journalist Paul Lashmar
5pm - Bridport Arts Centre - FREE
Daisy Allsop: Transforming a book into film
7.30pm - Bridport Arts Centre
An Education with author Lynn Barber

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THE STABLE CIDER HOUSE TAKES TAX HIT FOR PUNTERS

IN the wake of the recent "Scrumpy Tax" The Stable Cider House in Bridport are offering its punters a chance to get a cider nose without paying through the nose.

Despite the announcement of a 10 per cent tax increase on cider during the budget last week The Stable has decided to take the hit and keep its prices the same.

The announcement of the tax caused uproar across Dorset and a "Leave our cider alone" Facebook campaign group has already attracted 50,000 supporters. A separate campaign is backing The Wurzels hit "I'm a cider drinker" to the top of the charts.

The Stable is the only cider house in Bridport and is making its own stand by offering a price freeze on its range of 46 draft and bottled ciders.

Owner Richard Cooper said: "We feel that it's a very important product for the whole of the West Country and The Stable is what we regard as a cathedral of cider.

"We are going to take it on the chin and not pass that added cost onto the customer because we value our suppliers and the great work that they do and we don't want this to interfere with the great job that they do."

The Stable, part of the Bull Hotel, also offers the perfect accompaniment to the West Country's favourite tipple with freshly made Dorset Pizzas, oggies and pies all made from local ingredients.

CIDER DRINKER | Owner Richard Cooper is taking the hit for his punters

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Diary Dates

THURSDAY APRIL 1ST
SALWAY ASH: Easter Bingo - £50 cash jackpot, with refreshments and raffle. Doors open 7pm, eyes down at 7.30pm. At Salway Ash Village Hall, telephone 01308 488170 for more details.

SATURDAY APRIL 3RD
BRIDPORT: Coffee Morning with stalls at Bridport United Church Hall from 10am - noon. In aid of Action for children. Telephone 01308 423250.

SATURDAY APRIL 3RD - TUESDAY MAY 4TH
BEAMINSTER: Glass: Collectors' Choices' - an exhibition. Open Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays & Bank Holidays 10.30am-12.30pm & 2.30-4.30pm

SUNDAY APRIL 4TH
WEYMOUTH: Easter Parade at Green Hill Garden. 2 - 4.30pm. Telephone 01305 833469 for more details.

MONDAY APRIL 5TH
BURTON BRADSTOCK: Easter Coffee Morning in aid of Julia House Hospice. 10.30am - 12.30pm at The Village Hall. Telephone 01308 897212 for more details

FRIDAY APRIL 9TH
LYME REGIS: Friendly battle with Bridport Camera Club at Woodmead Halls from 7.30pm. Telephone 01297 444733 for more details. Organised by Lyme Bay Photographic Club.

SATURDAY APRIL 10TH
DORCHESTER: The Dorset Art & Craft Show at the Corn Exchange from 10am - 4pm. Telephone 07730557090 for more details.

SUNDAY APRIL 11TH
BRIDPORT: Wessex Military Band Spring Concert at Bridport Arts Centre from 6pm. Telephone 01308 425010 for tickets or more details.
WEST BAY, NR BRIDPORT: Open Morning at the Salt House from 9.30am - 12.30pm. Telephone 01308 425436 for more details.
BRIDPORT: The Lions recruitment coffee morning at The Salt House West Bay from 09.30 – 12.30. See the Julia's House charity stall and buy your ticket (£6.50) here for the Travelling Trends Fashion Show being held at the Masonic Hall, Bridport on Thursday, April 29th at 7.30. All proceeds from the fashion show going to Julia's House the Dorset Children's Hospice. Tel 01308 459854 for information.
BURSTOCK NR BROADWINDSOR: A walk or sit in garden and lake. 2 course cooked lunch and drink £7.50. At Manor Lodge. Telephone 01308 868652 for more details.

FRIDAY APRIL 16TH
BROADMAYNE: Market 2pm - 3.30pm, St Martin's Community Hall Broadmayne,(next to the Church) Raffle, craft, plants, books, Jigsaws Cards, local trout, sausages and eggs, cakes and preserves and a chance to sit and chat with a cup of tea or coffee. All proceeds for St Martin's Community Hall. For further information please contact Sylvia Dooley 01305 852886.

SATURDAY APRIL 17TH
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FRIDAY APRIL 23RD
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SUNDAY APRIL 25TH
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Chumbawumba Concert Audience Supports Folk Against Fascism

ON Thursday, March 18th the Bridport Arts Centre rang to the songs of Chumbawumba. A large banner, with Neil Ferguson of Chumbawumba holding a guitar with Folk Against Facism writ large upon it, dominated the stage as the audience came in. The audience were delighted by the duets of O'Hooley and Tidow, their support, but really came to life when Chumbnawumba came on stage.

The band's political stance in well known, they poured cold water on John Prescott at an awards ceremony, but their politics is more than posturing.

Jude Abbott, the feisty trumpet playing member of the band is actively involved in Folk Against Fascism, which was created to take a stand against the far right targeting of folk music. The British National Party's manifesto encourages its members to insinuate themselves into the folk and traditional customs of Britain, appropriating British folk music and culture as a means of spreading its peculiar brand of racism and intolerance.

The band sang a powerful song against facism and spoke of the Folk Against Facism movement. The theatre team decided to make a collection for the organisation at the end of the concert, and £75 was collected in buckets.

Billy Bragg, a firm believer in toleration and diversity, commented "I'm not surprised the people of Bridport put their hands in their pockets for Folk Against Facism, they are fair-minded people who will stand up for what is right."

The band showed their own support for the Bridport Arts centre own fundraising campaign and proudly showed their blue wrist bands to the camera.

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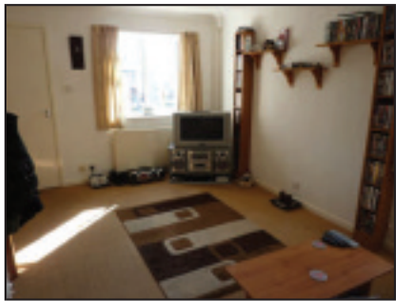

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- NO stamp duty for First Time Buyer
- Lounge
- Kitchen/ breakfast room
- Two bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Rear garden
- Parking
- Double glazing
- Gas central heating
- Sea views
- Two parking spaces

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VIEWS

This luxury two bedroom apartment set on the third floor of a converted former rectory is well located for access to Lyme Regis and The Cobb offering fine views along the Jurassic coast and has a double garage, no onward chain.

RAYMONDS HILL - £395,000

- Individual detached property
- Recently extended
- Spacious & flexible accommodation
- Surrounded by large & level gardens
- Living room with multi fuel stove
- Study & conservatory
- Two downstairs bedrooms (1 en-suite)
- Three first floor bedrooms
- Two bathrooms
- Detached single garage
- Ample driveway parking
- Walking distance to local amenities

LYME REGIS - £345,000

- Entrance Hall
- Sitting Room
- Conservatory
- Kitchen/Dining Room
- Utility/Rear Lobby
- Three Ground Floor Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Further Bedroom And En-Suite Cloakroom
- Driveway • Garage
- Gardens
- Swimming Pool

ROUSDON - £685,000

- Reception hall
- Drawing room
- Dining room
- Kitchen/breakfast room
- Utility room
- Study
- Cloakroom
- Four double bedrooms
- Two en-suites
- Family bathroom
- Double glazed windows
- Gardens
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CHARDSTOCK - £495,000

- Village location
- Individual detached bungalow
- Self contained studio annex
- Detached garage with planning permission
- Kitchen/ breakfast room
- Dining room
- uPVC woodgrain effect double glazing throughout
- Impressive sun lounge/conservatory
- Three bedroom master en suite
- Family bathroom

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ROUSDON - £745,000

- Individual spacious house
- Village setting close to Lyme Regis
- Potential annexe / B&B
- 5 bedrooms, 3 en-suite
- Large living room
- Family kitchen / breakfast room
- Dining hall and study
- uPVC double glazed conservatory
- Approx. half acre landscaped garden
- Additional 3.75 acre paddock
- Detached double garage
- Gravelled driveway and parking

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- One large first floor bedrrom
- Shower room
- Detached garage/worshop
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- Bathroom
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- Fishing Lakes
- Panoramic Countryside Views

CHARMOUTH - £163,000

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CATHERSTON LEWESTON - £285,000

A three-bedroom, freehold house forming part of the western wing of an impressive Grade II Listed Manor

- Entrance Porch
- Sitting/Dining Room
- Kitchen
- Cloakroom
- Three Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Period Features throughout
- Garage
- Communal Grounds
- PANORAMIC Coastal Views

CHARMOUTH - £319,000

Character quirky period terraced bungalow with panoramic sea views

- Entrance Porch
- Kitchen
- Dining Hall
- Lounge
- Sun Room
- Two Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Shower Room
- Courtyard Gardens
- Detached Garage
- PANORAMIC COASTAL views

CHARMOUTH - £179,000

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- Entrance Porch • Hallway
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- Lounge
- Two Bedrooms
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- Allocated Parking
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CHARMOUTH - £359,500

A well proportioned 3 bed period property near the centre of the village with garage and gardens

- Entrance Hall
- Lounge
- Kitchen/Diner
- Master Bedroom with Ensuite Shower Room
- Two Further Bedrooms
- Family Bathroom
- Rear Southerly Garden
- Garage and Parking

CHARMOUTH - £349,500

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- Entrance Hallway
- Cloakroom
- Kitchen
- Dining Room
- Lounge
- Master Bedroom with En-Suite Shower
- Two Further Bedrooms
- Bathroom
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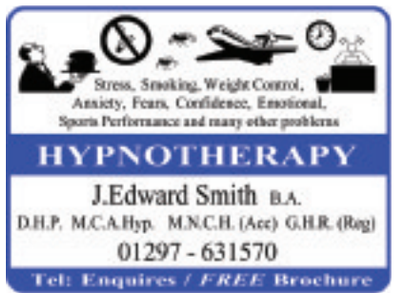

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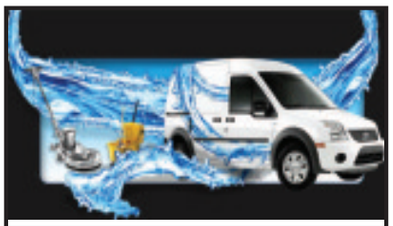

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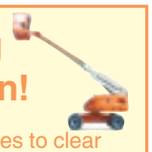

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Volkswagen BlueMotion models added to Avis rental fleet

LEADING international car hire company Avis has ordered more than 540 Golf BlueMotion models for its fleet in the UK. These vehicles will form part of the Avis Eco Collection, offering environmentally conscious drivers low emission vehicles.

The Eco Collection is a new scheme, set up by Avis, offering drivers a diesel vehicle with CO2 emissions lower than 120 g/km. Fitted with the highly efficient 1.6-litre common rail TDI engine producing 105 PS, the Golf SE BlueMotion Technology emits 107 g/km and achieves 68.9 mpg on the combined cycle; with emissions of 99 g/km and a combined fuel economy figure of 74.3 mpg, the Golf BlueMotion is capable of almost 900 miles on one tank.

The new models will be added to Avis's low carbon fleet over the next 12 months as the company continues to reduce its carbon footprint. Both models combine efficiency with comfort and equipment to offer enhanced economy and produce less emissions than their traditional counterparts. Yet all BlueMotion products remain practical, stylish and are conventional to service and maintain.

Commenting on the forthcoming additions to the Avis rental fleet, Nick Mountfield, Head of Marketing Avis UK explained: 'As a nation we are becoming increasingly conscious of the environment, car emissions and fuel economy, and we are finding that customers are keen to do their bit for the environment wherever possible. The Golf BlueMotion models were chosen as part of an ongoing drive to improve the offering of vehicles with low CO2 emissions and high fuel economy for the Avis Eco Collection.'

Mountfield continued: 'Due to the initial demand of Eco Collection and customer demand for the current Golf model, we are building on the success by upgrading to the Golf BlueMotion models. These Golf models are a desirable package for both Avis and our customers as, despite being extremely efficient and economical, they are conventional to drive and offer superb value and reliability.'

BlueMotion products have been extremely well received since being introduced in 2007, proving especially popular with the fleet market. With the Polo, Golf and Passat BlueMotion models, which emit just 91, 99 and 114 g/km of CO2 respectively, the 'BlueMotion' badge denotes the most fuel and CO2 efficient model in each Volkswagen range.

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RARE GOAL: Pip Marchant joined in the goal-fest as Uplyme crushed Hinton 10-1.

JACK VENN CUP Semi-finals
A 119th minute goal from striker Danny Larcombe has given Millwey Rise the chance of landing their fourth Jack Venn Cup in eight years, the Devonians scraped past Shepton Beauchamp 2-1 at Brimgrove Lane. Rise took a 12th minute lead through Adam Whitehouse but Sam Hawkins leveled two minutes later and from there the teams couldn't be split until Larcombe's late winner.

Millwey will face South Petherton Reserves in the Final at Combe's Slades Cross on May 3rd.

Pethy had an easier ride in their semi beating Forton Rangers Reserves 5-2. The result was effectively sealed at half-time with the hosts 4-1 ahead and cruising. Mark Padfield (2), Adrian Farrell, Andy Moody and Dean Smith were on target for the winners with Stuart Packer and Lee Goodland replying.

DAISY HUTCHINGS CUP Round Two
BEAMINSTER Reserves booked a date with first Division Forton Rangers in the last 16 as they deservedly beat Crewkerne Town Reserves 2-0 at Henhayes.

The Tigers started well and had two or three good chances before Beaminster showed the gap between Division's Three and Two as the took control in the second period. Josh Hunter broke the deadlock 10 minutes after half-time from the penalty spot after he himself had been hauled down by the hosts' goalkeeper. Hunter added a second soon after and the Rainbows path through the next round was secured. Top performers for Beaminster were the central midfield pairing of Richie Middleton and Tom Cowie.

PREMIER
LYME Regis took another step towards the Premier Division title but were far from convincing in their 1-0 win at Combe Reserves. Indeed the step was more of a stumble with the hosts nullifying the Seasiders high-flying line-up.

The all important winner came in the 82nd minute when skipper Adam Caddy lashed the ball home to the delight of the Lyme travelling supporters.

Both teams felt they had legitimate goals ruled out for offside prior to Caddy's strike but the game itself was a damp squib with few clear-cut chances.

Too many of the Lyme players appeared to have one eye on Friday's Challenge Cup Final when they take on Ilminster Reserves at Forton.

Ilminster will go into the game full of confidence as they extended their unbeaten run to nine games with a 3-0 win at Perry Street.

It was goalless at the break but strikes from Scott Jennings, Simon Manley and Mark Smith left Street still awaiting their first home win of the year despite the best efforts of star man Ben Stevens.

Second-half goals from Jack Flatt and Joe Carbin against their old team gave Misterton their first win in 2010. The result gave Missy a league double over opponents Merriott Rovers and a leap of one place to ninth in the table.

The West-Dorset relegation tussle ended honours even as White Horse were held to a 1-1 draw by Charmouth at Symondsbury.

A Dan Rendall goal gave Charmouth a slender lead at the interval but this was cancelled out by Russell Weller in a match described by Horse assistant manager Nick Pomeroy as "dire".

There's a big night in store for South Petherton this evening (Tuesday). Karl Diment's side will take on Chew Valley Seniors in the Somerset Junior Cup Final at Shepton Mallet.

Pethy will be looking to lift the trophy for the third time in their history - the previous two triumphs coming way back in 1958-59 and 1960-61.

Premier Division	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Lyme Regis	12	11	0	1	33	11	33
Beaminster	13	9	1	3	50	17	28
South Petherton	10	9	0	1	54	7	27
Ilminster Reserves	15	8	3	4	49	24	27
Barrington	15	7	3	5	29	36	24
Merriott Rovers	13	7	0	6	29	34	21
Perry Street	17	6	3	8	30	48	21
Combe Reserves	17	6	2	9	30	34	20
Misterton	16	5	4	7	26	32	19
Crewkerne	17	5	3	9	37	45	18
White Horse	14	2	3	9	22	38	9
Charmouth	17	0	4	13	22	85	4

DIVISION ONE
ILMINSTER Colts mini-slump continued as they went down to a 4-1 defeat at Winsham United.

The sides were all square at the break at 1-1 with Man-of-the-Match Henry Broome scoring for the hosts and Andy Fish replying.

But a solid second-half showing saw the Winsh improve their promotion hopes and canter home with goals from Ollie Barrett, Tom Symes and Ryan Partridge.

Farway United's hopes of an immediate return to the top division were dealt blow as they were held to a 1-1 draw by relegation haunted Thorncombe. A neat Stuart Bicknell lob midway through the second-half gave the Thorns some hope of their first win of the year but this was snuffed out five minutes later by James Salter.

Two of the other promotion candidates clashed at Forton. Visiting Netherbury came out on top in a bad tempered affair with a 4-2 win. An Alex Thompson goal gave the hosts a lead at halfway but efforts from Mark Cuff, Adam Sorrell and Phil Hussey swung the game the Ambers' way. Tom Robinson reduced the arrears but Hussey bagged a second to lift his team up to third in the table.

West & Middle Chinnock's promotion hopes have been dealt a blow after they fielded an ineligible player, Ryan Murray, against Netherbury.

The PSL officials will deduct three points from the Chinnocks' as a result.

Division One	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
W & M Chinnock	11	8	2	1	44	23	26
Farway United	12	6	4	2	30	15	22
Netherbury	12	6	3	3	32	21	21
Winsham United	11	6	2	3	28	20	20
Forton Rangers	11	6	2	3	20	15	20
Ilminster Colts	9	5	3	1	20	15	18
Chard Rangers	13	3	1	9	21	52	10
Thorncombe	12	2	2	8	22	27	8
Pymore	8	2	2	4	12	20	8
Perry Street Res	11	2	2	7	25	34	8
Lyme Regis Res	10	2	1	7	23	35	7

DIVISION TWO
THERE was an astonishing result at Venlake where Uplyme and Hinton met for the second time in a week. The previous meeting had seen Hinton stroll to a 5-0 win, but the boot was very much on the other foot as Uplyme racked up their biggest win since Haselbury were crushed 13-1 five and half years ago.

There was no hint of the final 10-1 score line as the teams were tied 1-1 at the break, but as soon as the Swallows got their noses in front Saints' heads visibly dropped and the goals flowed.

Player-chairman Gavin Fowler helped himself to four, there was a hat-trick for Alex Cottle, two for Nathan Turner and a penalty neatly converted by Pip Marchant.

It was certainly a day for lots of Division Two goals. Struggling Drimpton woes continued.

Visiting Dowlish & Donyatt's 8-0 win means the Greens have now leaked 26 goals in three matches. Chris Lang (3), Chris Rawle (2), Matt Vinall, Darren Dabinett and Andy North were on target as the visitors extended their winning run to three matches.

Division Two	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Millwey Rise	13	12	1	0	46	15	37
Norton Athletic	13	9	1	3	52	25	28
Dowlish & Donyatt	15	8	1	6	55	40	25
Hinton	15	6	3	6	40	35	21
Beaminster Res	12	6	2	4	31	27	20
Shepton Beau	11	5	2	4	33	17	17
Uplyme	14	5	2	7	31	37	17
South Peth Res	13	3	6	4	32	29	15
Forton Res	12	4	3	5	20	23	15
Drimpton	15	2	1	12	27	76	7
Chard United	13	2	0	11	18	61	6

DIVISION THREE
LEAGUE leaders Hawkchurch ended their recent poor run and moved 12 points clear with a routine 3-0 over Combe A. Dan Turner and Chris Tratt gave the Hawks a 2-0 lead at the break and Tim Hussey added a third after the restart.

There was a real ding-dong battle at Forton where Luso-Chard led 3-1 before being pegged back to a 4-4 draw by in-form Lyme Regis Bantams.

Rhys Paterson gave the Seasiders an early lead but some sloppy defending resulted in the Portuguese side pouncing three times before the interval. Mark Taylor got on the end of a Ben Morgan cross to reduce the arrears before Jamie Jones converted a one-on-one chance to level.

Lyme then lost keeper Jim Larcombe with a knee injury, Harvey Brimacombe, who had a fine game at right-back, donned the gloves and was soon picking the ball out of the net as Luso regained the lead.

But the young Lyme side was not to be denied their share of the spoils and Ben Strong tapped home an equaliser with the last kick of the game. Jose Bynto (2), Marco Quedas and Cleo Franca scored for the hosts.

Division Three	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Hawkchurch	16	11	3	2	54	31	36
Fivehead United	14	7	3	4	26	24	24
CrewkRangers	11	7	1	3	44	21	22
Misterton Res*	15	7	2	6	39	41	22
Lyme Bantams*	13	7	1	5	40	29	19
Luso-Chard	12	6	1	5	44	34	19
Millwey Rise Res	14	6	0	8	28	33	18
Crewkerne Res	9	5	1	3	24	17	16
Combe A	13	4	2	7	22	26	14
Shepton Beau Res	15	4	1	10	30	44	13
Chard Rang Res	16	2	1	13	20	71	7

* = points deducted

DIVISION FOUR
LOWLY Charmouth completed their home fixtures with a superb point after a 2-2 draw with table-topping Winsham United Reserves.

After a goal less first 45 Winsh appeared to be cruising to victory as the led 2-0 on the hour through Paul Stuart and Richard White.

But an own goal from visiting keeper Paul Spurdle and an 80th minute strike from Dan Boot earned the Robins a fine draw. Charmouth manager Toby Gordon praised the efforts of Simon Knight who was standing in for regular keeper Adam Dredge.

Hawkchurch Reserves climbed off the foot of the League with a 2-1 win in the derby with Thorncombe Reserves.

Man-of-the-Match Dan Morley pounced after Greg Harding's effort had come back off the bar to give the Hawks a 1-0 half-time advantage.

Paul Male pulled the Thorns back level but a free-kick from Joe Carter ensured all three points went to the Devonians.

A Gary Mansfield own goal saw Combe B in front at the interval at Waytown Hounds. But a Tom Rutland strike gave the West Dorset side a share of the points. Top performer for the Hounds was Jason Carter.

Division Four	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Winsham Utd Res	17	9	5	3	63	48	32
Ilminster Town A	13	8	2	3	41	30	26
Waytown Hounds	15	8	1	6	52	34	25
Hinton Res	17	7	4	6	35	44	25
Farway United Res	13	7	3	3	45	24	24
Chard United Res	12	7	2	3	38	25	23
Barrington Res	14	7	2	5	44	35	23
Combe B	19	7	2	10	59	52	23
Thorncombe Res	16	4	4	8	34	44	13
Hawkchurch Res	17	3	3	11	31	52	12
Charmouth Res	17	3	2	12	19	73	10

RESULTS
Saturday, March 27th
Jack Venn Cup Semi-finals
Shepton Beau 1 Millwey Rise 2 aet
South Reserves 5 Forton Reserves 2

Daisy Hutchings Cup Round 2
Crewkerne Res 0 Beaminster Res 2

Premier Division
Combe Reserves 0 Lyme Regis 1
Misterton 2 Merriott Rovers 0
Perry Street 0 Ilminster Reserves 3
White Horse 1 Charmouth 1
Division One
Forton Rangers 2 Netherbury 4
Thorncombe 1 Farway United 1
Winsham United 4 Ilminster Colts 1
Division Two
Chard United 2 Norton Athletic 9
Drimpton 0 Dowlish & Donyatt 8
Uplyme 10 Hinton St George 1
Division Three
Chard Rangers Res 1 Shepton Res 5
Fivehead 2 Crewkerne Rangers 2
Hawkchurch 3 v Combe A 0
Luso-Chard 4 Lyme Bantams 4
Division Four
Charmouth Res 2 Winsham Res 2
Ilminster A 5 Hinton Reserves 1
Thorn Res 1 Hawkchurch Res 2
Waytown Hounds 1 Combe B 1

FIXTURES
Friday, April 2nd
Challenge Cup Final
at Forton Rangers 3pm
Ilminster Town Res v Lyme Regis

Saturday, April 3rd
All matches below kick off 2.30pm
Premier Division
Charmouth v Combe Reserves
Crewkerne v Barrington
Misterton v Beaminster
South Petherton v Perry Street
White Horse v Merriott Rovers
Division One
Ilminster Colts v Chard Rangers
Netherbury v Pymore
Perry Street Res v Farway United
W & M Chinnock v Lyme Regis Res
Winsham United v Forton Rangers
Division Two
Beaminster Reserves v Millwey Rise
Chard United v Drimpton
Forton Rangers Res v South Peth Res
Norton Athletic v Hinton St George
Uplyme v Shepton Beauchamp
Division Three
Chard Rangers Res v Fivehead
Combe A v Shepton Beau Reserves
Crewkerne Rangers v Hawkchurch
Lyme Bantams v Luso-Chard Millway Rise Res v Crewkerne Res
Division Four
Barrington Res v Charmouth Res
Farway United Res v Ilminster A
Hawkchurch Res v Chard United Res

Monday, April 5th
Reg Eglon Cup Final
at Misterton 11am
Thorncombe Res v Waytown Hound

Tuesday, April 6th
Division One Cup Final
at Chard Town FC 7pm
Ilminster Town Colts v Netherbury

Wednesday, April 7th
Division One (all 6.15pm)
Farway United v Lyme Regis Res
Forton Rangers v Chard Rangers
Perry Street Reserves v Thorncombe

Lyme Regis Golf Club

Colley and Garner scrape victory on countback

SUNDAY, March 28th was forecast to be another rainy day in Lyme Regis. However, the weather stayed good enough to allow the participants in the March Winter League "four ball better ball event" to complete their rounds in dry conditions *writes Steve Percival.*

Although the weather was dry the recent wet weather made anywhere off the fairway difficult to put it mildly and also some of the greens proved a little tricky. In consequence the recorded scores were a little on the modest side.

In first place with 41 points were Mark Colley, playing off 13, and Brett Garner playing off 14. In all they tallied three birdies between them and recorded seven pars on the "back nine" alone. Had it not been for some crucial missed putts on the first nine holes they could well have recorded an more impressive score and included a couple of birdie "twos" within that.

Beaten into second place on countback were David Jones (20) and Kieran Borgeat(11). David scored what his playing partner descibes as a "fantastic two" on the par three eleventh by hitting a low running tee shot to within five feet of the pin and holing out in convincing fashion. Third place was taken by Adam White (11) and William Whitelaw (14) with 40 points.

Mixed Team defeated by fog

FOLLOWING the completion of the majority of the earlier winter league rounds the Lyme mixed team took to the course against their Came Down counterparts.

Although all groups successfully completed their respective first nine holes, with only three or four of the second nine played the Lyme Regis fog descended and forced the abandonment of the match.

A great disappointment to all as, with the exception of the Lyme pair of Jane Southcombe and John Colley who were up "8 and six", the match was finely poised at the end of play.

KNIGHTMARE FOR UPLYME

Under 15 JG Memorial Cup
Semi Final
BEACON KNIGHTS 7
UPLYME YOUTH 2

UPLYME kicked off on a sticky pitch but were quickly forced back into their own half where Beacon Knights took up residence for the first ten minutes before opening the scoring in the 12th minute, when a very well executed corner was headed home.

In the next five minutes they produced two more well executed corners; the second resulting in another headed goal. Ten minutes later a shot was lifted over Uplyme's keeper Brett James outstretched hands and a third goal resulted.

Shortly after restart Uplyme were awarded a free-kick but Jones' shot hit cannoned back off the crossbar. Uplyme's defence kept up their hard work; notably George Heath, but shortly before half-time Knights got their fourth goal.

In the second-half Uplyme were a different team and play in the first ten minutes was spent in the Beacon Knight's half. Markedly the Uplyme mid-field passed the ball forward well and in the seventh minute Will Ridout found Knight who fought hard and slotted the ball in the net.

In the 27th minute Uplyme were rewarded by a second goal thanks a robust run forward by Jones and a pass to Jack Heath who slotted the ball into the net.

Subsequently the hosts made substitutions and these paid off only with goals five and six arriving soon after.

Just before the final whistle Beacon Knights scored again to make the final score 7–2.

Uplyme's Man of the Match was Matt Pile.

FIVE STAR PERFORMANCES

CHARD & District Swimming Club competed at the Somerset Age Group & Championships 2010 over the final weekend of 13-14 March 2010 and what another successful weekend it was *writes Steph Hallam*.

A number of Swimmers secured more South West Region Qualifying times (SWRQT) and South West Region Consideration times (SWRCT) with many Club Records and Personal Bests being achieved yet again.

A number of local club swimmers were awarded with Top eight 'BAGCAT Trophies' (British Age Group Category)

Jake Hallam, 14, 4th. Jamie Pullinger, 11, 5th. Luke van den Barselaar, 14, 5th. Oliver Bilbie, 11, 6th and Lauren Harrison, 12, 7th.

Congratulations must go to all 5 for their determination and commitment throughout the Championships. Beckie Rutherford, 15, put in a strong performance in the 50m Backstroke with a SWRQT of 33.78.

Jake Hallam picked up 2 Bronze medals coming 3rd in the 200m Individual Medley with a new 14 years and under club record and SWRQT of 2:25.58, and in the 50m Butterfly with a time of 29:47.

Jamie Pullinger, 11, added to his collection of SWRQT's with another in the 200m Individual Medley with a time of 2:57.70.

Oliver Bilbie, 11, also picked up a Silver medal in the 50m Backstroke.

Countdown to the 2010 season

Weymouth & Portland National Sailing Academy

FOLLOWING the UK's coldest weather for 30 years it's not only the temperatures that are starting to warm up.

Windsurfers nationwide are itching to get back racing and blow away the cobwebs, whether it's raceboard, Formula, RS-X, Techno or slalom, the 2010 calendar will provide plenty of action in all disciplines, and the Weymouth & Portland National Sailing Academy (WPNSA) will be hosting several events during the year.

Slalom, the most accessible form of competition, sees an exciting new race series for 2010 with the leading UK brands and retailers working together to bring eight events to some superb locations, with round two being held at the WPNSA on April 24th and 25th .

A week later over May Bank Holiday weekend (May 1st – 3rd) they host the first of the national course racing Cup Series.

The autumn sees three more events with the UKWA British Open on October 2nd and 3rd followed by Speed Week (Oct 16th – 22nd).

The final event of the season at the WPNSA will take place on October 24th and 25th with the last round of the slalom series as well as the Racing Team Championships and the Prize Giving Party involving all classes of the sport.

MOSELEY TAKES THE REINS

Weymouth and District Table Tennis League

WITH Colin Davis recovering from surgery and Richard Hill indisposed, John Moseley has been given the task of negotiating the remaining Shipton Gorge B games successfully to take them to their first honours.

The task begins with an away match against Budmouth B on Friday (2nd) followed by a home match against Preston next Tuesday (April 6th).

Shipton Gorge A 21 P&S Falcons Dorchester 13

THE absence of Gil Roberts made this match against mid table Falcons tighter than it might have been.

Although stand-in Eddy Buck took six sets to the wire he only came out on top in one of them and it was down to Richard Trim with a maximum nine points and Chris Glover with eight to edge Shipton in front and then round off the night with a convincing doubles win.

Shipton remain well placed at the top of the table.

Great start for rally team

LOCAL rally team Rex Ireland and Adrian Scadding got off to a great start in the first stage of the British Rally Championships last Saturday.

Competing in their Mk1Ford Escort complete with a brand new Ford Crossflow 1600cc engine they finished third in their class (C2) and a very respectable 15th overall in the Bulldog Historic Rally.

The event comprised of six stages in the forests of mid-Wales and despite a couple of problems which slowed them down, they did extremely well to finish just 1:42.0 minutes down on the winners Stephen Whitford and Simon Morrow in their Hillman Avenger.

Third after the first stage they encountered no problems until the fourth leg, Gaertheiniog, when they lost half of their throttle with two miles to go which lost them time.

However throttle fixed they continued to hold third place until four miles from the end of the final leg Dyfnant when the water pump broke which dropped them to fourth place.

Adrian said: "This caused the engine to overheat so we had to nurse it home to get a time which cost us around 1 ½ minutes.

"We are delighted to finish so high. We expected teething problems being a new engine but it went much better than we could have expected."

Rex currently stands third in the registered driver's championship, and Adrian second in the navigator's table.

The next round is at Carlisle racecourse on April 23rd /24th.

BRIDPORT SKITTLES

Cup fixtures for week beginning Monday, April 5th:

Ladies Palmer Cup – Semi-final
TuesdayApril 6th: Lord Nelson – Alleycats v Brandy Snaps Ilchester – Ginger-Gales v Bad Girls.

Mens Nomination Cup – Semi-final
Tuesday April 6th - West Dorset Club: Dingbats v Slingers
Wednesday April 7th – Tiger: Wanderers v Shipfaced OR Nelson Nobblers

Ladies Nomination Cup – Final
Wednesday April 7th – Woodman: Ginger Gales v Cuckoos

Mens Gerry Nichol Cup – Semi-final
Thursday April 8th: Clock – Rockets v U Know The Blokes, Bradpole Club – Rejects v Cupid Stunts.

Mens Altham Cup – Semi-final
Thursday April 8th: Bridport Football Club – The Dingles v Bulldogs, Loders – Pioneers v Pinseekers

Portman Handicap – 4th Round
Friday April 9th: Crazy Gang v Seconds Out (12), Alcoholics (17) v The Dingles, ATAR (19) v Denhay Farm, U Know The Blokes V Ginger Gales (40).

BOB BUCKLER RACING

HEAVY GROUND MEANS QUIET WEEK

HEAVY ground put paid to many of Bob Buckler's proposed runners both last week and this.

At least six were withdrawn from racing at Exeter and Herefors two of the tracks where the stable had entries.

Sean Thornton gave himself every chance in the Lindley Catering Handicap Hurdle over 2 ½ miles at Hereford on Wednesday, but tired on the run in to finish fifth.

Always up with the leaders he moved into second approaching the last hurdle but wasn't strong enough to hold on.

Head lad Giles Scott said: "He showed a bit of promise and jumped well, but tired after the last. Whether he didn't get the trip or needs to get a bit stronger isn't clear yet."

There were worries about Crank Hill after he was pulled up four fences from home in the Children's Day Handicap Chase at Wincanton on Sunday.

The eight-year-old has been fairly consistent with a win and seven placings in his 21 races to date, but he didn't run well at Exeter last time out over 3 ¾ miles when Buckler had no answer for his poor run.

Scott said: We're mystified by it. He's been working well at home and there are no obvious signs why, so we will be getting the vet to have a look at him to check him over."

The weather hasn't improved this week either, and only two of the listed six look to have any chance of running at Exeter today (Wednesday) and Wincanton (tomorrow).

Howlin At The Moon and River Indus are almost certain to miss Exeter today with Ready Or Not the only possibility.

Similarly Ballygulleen and Culahill will probably find the ground too soft tomorrow at Wincanton, with Over The Flow the only possibility.

The Irish Grand National next Monday (5th) and the Whitbread Chase at Sandown in late April are possible targets for Double Dizzy after his encouraging run at the Cheltenham Festival.

In the meantime Niche Market is well and raring to go in the Aintree Grand National on Saturday week.

DORSET TO TAKE ON TOP STARS

DORSET County Cricket Club is delighted to announce two prestigious mouth watering friendly T20 matches against the cream of the world's cricketers.

They will entertain First Class County sides Somerset and Hampshire whose squads include such superstars as Kevin Pietersen and Marcus Trescothick.

The friendlies are being used by the two counties as warm up games ahead of their respective T20 campaigns, and are expected to draw large crowds to the games which are being played during the Whitsun school half term break.

They will play Somerset at Sherborne School (start time 2.30pm) on Sunday May 30thand Hampshire at Dean Park (start time 5pm) on Tuesday June 1st.

Dorset CCC Team Manager Sean Walbridge said: "A lot of hard work has gone into negotiating these two fixtures and we are very grateful to Brian Rose (Somerset) and Tim Tremlett (Hampshire) for their co-operation in arranging the games.

"The matches are being played during half term so we are hoping for big crowds. It will also give the young cricket supporters in the county a chance to come and see some world class cricketing talent on display.

"'Both counties have told us they will be bringing strong sides so the matches are going be very entertaining. If you think about the talent on display, this is going to be a real treat for local cricket fans and especially our sponsors The Hearn Group."

Somerset's side reached finals days of the T20 competition last season and their line-up will contain the likes of Marcus Treascothick (captain), England player Craig Keswetter and Peter Trego (England Lions).

South Africans Zander De Bruyn, Alfonso Thomas and Charl Willoughby are also in the squad, and the exciting Dorset leg spinner Max Waller, back from the England winter performance training camps in South Africa where he was playing for Somerset.

Their overseas players for the T20 season will be Murali Kartik (India), Cameron White (Australia) and Keiron Pollard (West Indies).

Hampshire have never reached finals day but with their impressive squad they will certainly be looking to do so this season. Their side will contain the likes of captain Dimi Mascaranhas and England players Dominic Cork, Kevin Pietersen, Michael Carberry, Simon Jones and Kabir Ali.

Michael Lumb (England Lions) Nic Pothas, Sean Ervine (Zimbabwe) and Sherborne schoolboy James Adams are also in the T20 squad.

Their overseas players for the 2010 season are Ajantha Mendis (Sr Lanka) the exciting leg spinner, Abdul Razzaq (Pakistan) and Shahid Afridi (Pakistan).

Ticket pricing for the matches is Adult £10, Children under 16 and OAP's £5 or a family ticket (two adults and two children) £20.

However, Dorset CCC members will be allowed entry to these games free on production of their membership cards.

"We are hoping that this will encourage people to become members of Dorset CCC," added Mr Walbridge.

Anyone requiring information about becoming a member can do so by contacting Peter Moxam on 01929 462632

◆ *Another treat for cricket supporters is the news that Dean Park will play host to the Pro 40 match between The Unicorns and Glamorgan CC. This season an ECB representitive XI named The Unicorns (emblem of the Minor Counties Cricket Association) has joined the competition, and they will play one of their home group matches at Dean Park on Sunday May 16th start time 11am.*

◆ **KEVIN Pietersen - heading for Dorset**

Boxing club seeks trainers

BRIDPORT Boxing Club is in desperate need of trainers to help at the gym.

Head coach Alan Slaney appealed for help because of the number of new men and women who have joined the club recently.

"We have had an influx of new members, both men and women, and we don't have enough coaches and trainers now to give them the attention they deserve, so we are asking for people who are interested to come and help out and take the strain off us a little bit. It's great that we have so many boxers but we do want to give them the best chance we can."

You don't have to be a boxer or a trainer or instructor either. "You must be sporty, enthusiastic and committed," said Slaney.

"The coaches at the club will give you guidance and indeed if you are interested we will support you in getting your coaching badge.

We welcome both men and women to come along, maybe there is a lady that would be interested in helping with our girl boxers for instance."

Anyone interested can ring Alan on 10308 425108 or go along to the gym at The Youth Centre in Gundry Lane on a Tuesday or Thursday night at 7pm.

BEAMINSTER FINISH WITH A FLOURISH

BEAMINSTER 3 SALISBURY 2nd 1

BEAMINSTER finished the season on a high with a good 3-1 victory that lifted them above Salisbury into fourth position in Channel Division One.

Despite going behind early on they fought back to lead by half-time and after Salisbury had seized back the initiative after the break, broke away to score and hold on for a convincing win.

With Jenny Clarke not fit enough to take her usual place in the heart of the defence, she took over in goal giving regular keeper Rachel Andrews a rare opportunity to play outfield and she crowned her performance with the last goal.

Despite a bright start Beaminster fell behind on five minutes when Salisbury's Karen Hitchings scored following a right wing cross when the home side failed to clear their lines. This spurred the visitors for a while but Megan Tuck, once again a threat with her powerful running, went close.

Beaminster equalised on 19 minutes when Jackie Gape scored with a superb shot following a short corner. Initially the goal was disallowed, but after consultations between the umpires, was given, much to the annoyance of Salisbury who claimed the ball was above backboard height when it crossed the line. The decision rattled the visitors and Beaminster controlled the match and scored again eight minutes later when Tuck, receiving the ball on the halfway line outran the defence, and although the keeper did well to partially block her shot, Tuck followed through to touch the ball over the line.

The start of the second half saw Salisbury take control and they pounded the Beaminster goal. However despite winning several short corners they failed to capitalise although it looked like they would equalise at any time as Beaminster seemed almost incapable of breaking out of their own half, and when they did the ball came straight back as they struggled to get any cohesion between defence and attack, Andrews appeared to have missed the opportunity to seal victory when she shot wide when in a good position twelve minutes from time. However a minute later she did find the net with another chance, driving her shot low to the keeper's right into the corner.

This lifted Beaminster and they once again became positive and began pressurising Salisbury in order to prevent them dictating play, a ploy that worked and in the end gave them a deserved victory and a pleasing end to the campaign.

◆ **GREAT GOAL: Megan Tuck in action against Salisbury. She gave Beaminster the lead with a superbly taken goal.**

Racketball open night

THE UK's fastest growing racket sport is taking off in Bridport. An open evening at the Leisure Centre on Tuesday April 13th will showcase the sport of racketball.

Entry to the event is free and all ages and abilities are encouraged to attend and have a go or just watch the demonstrations.

Event organiser, Clive Whaley, from the Bridport Squash and Racketball Club said: "Racketball is becoming very popular for three reasons; it's easy to play, it's good for fitness and its great fun. It's played on a squash court and it has a bigger and more bouncy ball than squash and uses a larger racket head – both these factors make it easier and less explosive than squash."

The evening starts at 7pm with a rules explanation, followed by the chance for anyone to have a go under the guidance of experienced coaches. The event will be rounded off by a spectacular exhibition game between Matt Baker and Gavin Perrett, two of the UK's best players.

Visitors on the night will be entitled to vouchers for free racket hire and half price play, as well as the chance to sign up for future beginner's courses.

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◆ **SHORT-MAT BOWLS**:
East Devon League (afternoon League Division Two)

Table	P	W	D	L	+/-	Pts
Awliscombe B	11	6	3	2	242	15
Woodbury	13	7	1	5	-74	15
Colyton	12	6	1	5	205	13
LYME REGIS	12	6	1	5	58	13
Combe St Nicholas	12	5	2	5	-86	12
Musbury	11	3	5	3	-40	11
Sidford	13	4	3	6	-107	11
Seaton Cliff C	12	2	2	8	-198	6

◆ **CHARITY QUIZ NIGHT**: Dorchester Town Supporters Trust are holding their first quiz night in the Prince's Marquee at the Avenue Stadium, Dorchester on Friday April 9th.

The evening commences at 7.30pm for an 8pm start. The funds raised from the event will be shared between the Supporters Trust and Weldmare Hospicecare Trust in memory of Julian Slade. The event is kindly sponsored by Dorchester Timber Limited.

Tickets cost £5 per person which includes food and a first prize of £50. There will also be a raffle, and waitress service with drinks served at your table.

Tickets are selling quickly so to avoid disappointment telephone 01305 850099 (include code when dialling) or visit www.magpiestrust.co.uk for more details.

SANDERCOMBE SUPER SHOW EARNS POINT

Bridport victory marred by Symes injury

WEYMOUTH 0 THURROCK 0
Blue Square South - Attendance: 364

TIM Sandercombe was the hero as a young Weymouth side defied a Thurrock side still in with a chance of a play-off spot.

Sandercombe showed his potential with a string of superb saves despite a suspected broken thumb, and earned praise from visiting manager Hakan Hayrettin who also put all his squad up for sale after the match.

"Give Weymouth their due they fought very hard and their goalkeeper (Sandercombe) was outstanding."

Hakan however was very disappointed with his side's form and attitude, and after a poor run of form where the Essex side had only taken five points from a possible eighteen, he was not pleased with missing a host of chances against bottom side Weymouth.

"I think we missed twelve good chances today. I have told the lads that they are useless, and as of today they are all up for sale!"

Weymouth caretaker manager Andy Harris was however delighted with the young Terras battling performance with Sandercombe the star as they arrested a run of six straight defeats.

Sandercombe denied Kenny Clark early on when he tipped his header over before having help from Cameron Mawer and Ollie tribe to block Leon McKenzie's effort on the line after he had rounded the young keeper.

He then foiled Fola Orilonishe with a point-blank stop, Matt Bodkin and Reiss Gilbey all before halftime.

Weymouth's only first half effort came from Robin Nicholls but keeper Joe Woolley had little difficulty collecting it.

They did improve after the break with John Lamb shooting wide, but Thurrock continued to dominate.

Matt Bodkin had two chances for the visitors before Sandercombe produced a brilliant save to deny Jamie Foyle before then tipping Gilbey's effort around the post.

The Terras could have snatched it in the last seconds of added time when Leon Lalite blocked former Bee Shane Evans' shot on the line following Stephen Reed's corner.

The point went someway to erasing their 7-1 defeat at Welling in the week (see below).

Weymouth walloped at Welling

WELLING UNITED 7 WEYMOUTH 1
Blue Square South – Att 427

WEYMOUTH'S young and inexperienced line-up had a night to forget as they went down to a 7-1 defeat at play-off candidates Welling United at Park View Road on Tuesday evening.

The Terras came close to opening the scoring early on when Carl Foster crashed an effort against Wings' keeper Charlie Mitten's crossbar.

But Jake Hobbs opened the scoring for the hosts in the 18th minute and when Lee Clarke added a second on the half-hour the result was never really in doubt. Sam Hurrell notched number three before the interval.

There was a brief respite for the dozen or so band of Weymouth travelling supporters when Steven Reed weaved past a couple of defenders before netting his second goal in three days.

But Clarke slotted home a penalty soon after and the late trio of goals in the last five minutes just added salt to the Terras' wounds as they slipped to their heaviest defeat since the 8-0 home drubbing by Rushden & Diamonds just over a year ago.

BRIDPORT 2 PORTISHEAD TOWN 1
Toolstation Division One - Attendance: 112

SAM Charles came off the bench to score the winner in an incident packed match marred by an injury to Jamie Symes that resulted in the midfielder being taken to hospital with a suspected spinal injury by air ambulance.

The match was beginning to boil over when Symes and Portishead's striker Kieran Marsden challenged for the ball on the edge of the Bees penalty area on 68 minutes. It appeared that Marsden caught Symes in the small of the back with his knee as they both jumped for the ball, leaving the Bridport player prone on the ground.

Bridport's physio Nicky Legg took immediate control when she went on the pitch to attend to Symes, and called an ambulance as a precaution. After assessment by a paramedic, the HM Coastguard helicopter took Symes to Dorchester hospital where he was diagnosed with heavy bruising and allowed home.

The match poised at 1-1 was delayed for an hour, and when play resumed, saw Charles score a scintillating winner before being sent off with Portishead's Nick Sloane following a melee involving a number of players from both sides. The visitors were then reduced to nine players in added time when James Heaks was dismissed for a second yellow card.

There has been an edge in the games between the two sides over the past few seasons and this one was no different.

Portishead captain Cleve Holder spent little time in fuelling this encounter with two heavy challenges in the opening minutes, although it was Bridport that had the best of the early chances with Ashley Clarke forcing The Possets keeper Nial Brown to save low down at his left hand post, before Jamie Symes should have done better with a free header from Dan Wise's cross. Brown was then forced to palm Dan Jones' cross away from the inrushing Chris Senior.

Slowly Portishead forced their way into the game but it was 21 minutes before they had a shot on goal when Jamie Fry easily held Sam Ening's long range effort. Ening then caused panic in the Bees box with a Roy Delap type long throw that was headed on forcing Matt Condliffe to clear off the goal line.

Thy took the lead on 29 minutes rather against the run of play when Danny Benn ran on to a long ball out of defence and outpaced the chasing Ryan Hayter before deftly chipping Fry as he raced out to meet him.

Undeterred Bridport continued to take the game to their opponents and Condliffe did well to win the ball on the left before cutting inside and hitting a shot just wide of the left hand angle of the goal frame. Then Roger Cummings set up Senior by laying the ball into his path but the tall striker drove past the right hand post.

Benn, Portishead's best player, then forced Fry to tip his 35 yard effort over the bar.

Bridport almost equalised just before the break when Sloane and Brown got in a tangle trying to clear a cross. Condliffe's effort from an acute angle was blocked and when the ball ran to Senior he swivelled before crashing his shot against the top of the crossbar and over.

Bridport equalised within a minute of the restart when Senior began and finished the move. Picking the ball up on the halfway line he fed Cummings who in turn switched the ball to Wise. He played Jamie Symes in down the left and his driven cross was met by Senior who had made ground to head the ball into the corner of the net.

Soon after Heaks picked up a yellow card for a culmination of fouls, when he brought down Condliffe.

Portishead might have taken the lead when Fry rushed out of his penalty area but was beaten to the ball by Benn who rounded him but then put his attempt wide.

Holder was eventually booked for a succession of niggly fouls before Charles and Adam Symes replaced Cummings and Dan Jones.

Soon after Jamie Symes was injured, and the match delayed whilst he was treated.

On its resumption Charles had two great chances to score before finally firing the winner.

He first miss kicked from 10 yards following a great run and cross from Adam Symes, before less than a minute later failing to get enough power in his shot after chesting down Wise's cross.

Two minutes later he made it third time lucky with a beauty that won Bridport the match. Wise found him again with another raking cross, which Charles controlled before nonchalantly lashing home a 20-yard drive that dipped wickedly over Brown who never moved off the spot.

Heaks might have equalised almost immediately but his attempted lob following a goalmouth scramble cleared the bar.

The game exploded into an ugly finish on 82 minutes when Brown attempted to bring down Charles on the right hand corner of the penalty area when he lunged at him as he skipped past him. Charles reacted by barging into the back of the keeper which sparked a free for all started by Possets Ben Davis who weighed in with a rugby tackle.

When order was restored, referee Salter booked Brown before dismissing both Charles, allegedly for punching the keeper on the ground, and Sloane.

The game ended in further chaos as Heaks was finally dismissed in added time for a foul too many bringing him a second yellow card.

Physio Nicky Legg was praised for her actions in her treatment of Adam Symes.

Thankfully Symes was allowed home on Saturday evening with no more than heavy bruising to his lower back.

Bridport Football Club secretary Heather Scaddings said that the emergency services had praised Nicky for her actions in treating Symes before the paramedics arrived, and in calling for emergency help. They said that although his injuries were thankfully relatively minor her decisions were exemplary.

Heather also praised Portishead player Oliver Hatfield, who is believed to be a fireman, for helping Nicky to stabilise Symes whilst awaiting the arrival of the emergency services.

◆ **FOUL: Darren Watts is brought to the ground by a combination of Dave Pettit (7) and Cleve Holder (8).** *Photo by STUART BROOM*

◆ **CRUCIAL STRIKE: Lyme Regis skipper Adam Caddy (amber) pounces on a loose ball to lash home his side's 82nd minute winner in the Perry Street League Premier Division clash with Combe Reserves, before taking the acclaim from team mates (inset).** *Photos HOWARD LARCOMBE*

Bees fall to last gasp winner

CADBURY HEATH 2 BRIDPORT 1
Toolstation Division One - Attendance: 87

BRIDPORT were denied a battling point when they conceded a last minute goal against an in-form Cadbury Heath on Tuesday.

After a goalless first half, Darren Watts had pulled the Bees level after the hosts had taken the lead and it looked like they would come away with a point to boost their bid for a top ten finish.

However they conceded a late winner in the final seconds of stoppage time following a free kick on the right when a header from Simon Brown hit the post and rolled along the line where it was bundled home with keeper Jamie Fry just unable to get a hand on it.

Manager Trevor Senior said: "It was disappointing to lose so late in the game, but if I am honest Cadbury just shaded the game on chances. However it was another good display by us against a side who are in form."

In the first half Cadbury Heath hit the post and Fry was forced into an excellent double save, whilst Dan Wise was just off target with a free kick.

The hosts went ahead just after the hour when Fry, who was maybe unsighted couldn't hold on to the Chris Astley's shot and Toby Colbourne was on hand to promptly poke into the net.

However Bridport soon responded when Ashley Clarke found Watts with a diagonal ball and he cut inside before equalised with a crisp shot.

"Going down the hill in the second half they were quite a threat particularly down the flanks, but I though Jamie Maidment and Dan Jones did very well against two tricky wingers."

Championship must wait

GILLINGHAM U10 4 BRIDPORT 2

BRIDPORT's hopes of sealing the league were put on hold when they failed to beat a Gillingham side that wanted victory more.

Whether it was the long trip or reaction to the clock's changing, but Bridport did not look their usual selves even though they took the lead through Riley Weedon.

However it was only a matter of time before Gillingham scored and if it had not been for a string of brilliant saves from Jordon Scadding, the visitors would have been out of the match by half time.

If Bridport thought there would be a let up after the break they were in for a shock as Gillingham with more passion and commitment took a 4-1 lead. Although Jake Rowland pulled one back they did not produce the form of potential champions, and go into the last game of the season knowing they need a point from a very good, strong Sturminster team to take the title.

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NEWS FROM WEYMOUTH RUGBY CLUB

SHERBORNE TOO STRONG IN SEMI-FINAL

WEYMOUTH 2nd 3 SHERBORNE 2nd 38
DESPITE a good first half display Weymouth could not contain Sherborne who ran out worthy winners of the Dorset & Wilts 2nd XV Shield Final played at Puddletown on Sunday.

From the kick off Weymouth attacked the Sherborne line led by hooker Craig North and veteran No8 Richard Barclay. They continued to go through the phases and were unlucky to only be rewarded with a penalty for their efforts converted by fly half Adam Darcy. Sherborne finally started to find their feet and continually attacked the Weymouth line, and a series of handling mistakes let them down. This wasn`t going to last forever and they crossed the white wash just before half time for a converted try.

Sherborne made changes at the break and this gave them the edge and went on to record a comfortable 38-3 win despite some fantastic scrummaging and good defensive work from the whole of the Weymouth team, with flankers Matty Driver and Robert Rendell winning the man of the match awards.

Captain Nathan Allan said: "Well done to all of the team. I couldn't fault their work rate and commitment and congratulations to Sherborne."

◆TOO STRONG: Action for the 2nd XV Shield Final where despite possession here Weymouth (light blue) lost out th Sherborne. *Photo by CHRIS DAVIS*

Weymouth U11 5 Sherborne 15
DESPITE a good performance Weymouth where undone by some poor defending decisions. Morgan Wyatt and Tyler Craig tackled their hearts out and there was good attacking play from James Davis but they could only score once, a try from Troy Brocklebank.

Weymouth U12 5 Sherborne 35
SHERBORNE started the strongest and scored all of their points in the first half. Weymouth`s defence improved as the game progressed with great tackling from Henry Arnold, George Harvey and Robert Macdonald. Nathaniel Baynham Jones whose all round game won him the Man of the Match award was rewarded for his work rate with a try.

Welcome and 'well played' to new player Jonathan Young.

Weymouth U13 43 Swanage and Wareham 26
IN a game in which Weymouth were short of a number of key players, powerful running from Scott Mitchell, Anthony House and Joe Reed saw the Seasiders despatch a free running Swanage side who clawed themselves back into the match at the death.

Weymouth took command with three early tries and extended their lead into the second-half. Mitchell and House with three apiece were the major beneficiaries, with Connor Aitkin at scrum-half also forcing his way over.

Good kicking from Reed and Josh Leatham with two conversions apiece, made the win comfortable in the end although the pace of the Swanage backs gave some cause for concern.

Weymouth's aggressive counter rucking and fierce tackling were the cornerstones of the win with James Yuille and Rhodri Tanner both putting in some spectacular hits on Swanage players.

Weymouth and now building form and their rate of progress augurs well for a more successful campaign next season.

Salisbury 28 Weymouth U14/15 5
THIS was a well contested game played in a great spirit by both sides. Salisbury started strongly but Weymouth defended superbly with the backline making some great tackles and centre Ryan Price putting in some huge relieving kicks.

The first score came following good pressure from flanker Tom Glynn, forcing a wayward kick from the opposition which Price collected and sprinted 50 metres to score in the corner. Salisbury responded with a good try of their own which they converted to go into the break 7-5 up.

The second-half saw Salisbury use the slope well to gain field position and despite a battling performance from Weymouth, were able to score three more converted tries. However this was an encouraging performance with some excellent rugby played. Man of the match: Ben Waller

BRIDPORT TABLE SKITTLES

Division A	P	W	Pts	Beer
Jesters	19	15	73	16
Eye of the Tiger	17	14	59	11
Second hand Clock	17	12	57	13
Chillieheads	19	10	55	9
Sally Mustangs	19	9	47	6
Oak A Nuts	19	9	43	7
No Hopers	19	8	43	11
Crown A	18	9	41	3
Whats teh Odds	17	7	38	13
Simpsons	18	8	36	6
Cross Shots	19	7	31	8
Classics	19	3	29	8

Division B	P	W	Pts	Beer
Kens Prix	19	15	64	10
Five of Clubs	19	11	54	9
Consorts	19	9	50	12
Freds Heros	18	9	49	10
Baggies Boys	19	12	49	12
Mucking Fuddlers	18	11	48	6
Fishermans Friends	18	8	45	9
Slingers	19	9	45	9
Five Aive	18	9	43	10
George Gormets	19	7	41	9
Upstairs Downstairs	19	7	40	10
Crown Spares	19	5	32	6

Division C	P	W	Pts	Beer
Tanners A	18	16	68	15
Bellends	19	15	67	10
Who gives a tuck	19	16	65	11
West Dorset Clubbers	18	13	55	13
Time Wasters	16	11	48	13
Stickups	18	8	45	8
The B Bs	17	7	39	8
Exiles	17	6	34	5
Catch of the Day	18	3	33	9
Crown Handbags	18	4	32	6
About Time	19	5	29	7
Kings of Hazard	19	3	24	3

◆ ON THE ATTACK: Action from Weymouth U11s (light blue) against Sherborne. Photo by CHRIS DAVIS

RUGBY ROUND-UP

with KEITH JENKIN

GAINES HAT-TRICK SEALS VASE WIN

But no joy for Weymouth in heavy loss at high-flying Wimborne

SATURDAY last was another "hit or miss" weekend as far as local rugby was concerned, with the Bridport, Crewkerne and Honiton first sides being without fixtures.

The Dorchester and Weymouth second teams too, were left kicking their heels, while the Bridport second side's friendly against their Honiton counterparts did not take place, owing to Honiton having to play a catch up Merit table game.

There were some interesting encounters taking place however, and I took myself off to Chard to take in their vital encounter against league leaders Bristol Harlequins.

MELKSHAM 25pts
DORCHESTER 28pts
DORCHESTER would have gone into this Dorset & Wilts Vase game, against a side from the Northern section of the Dorset & Wilts League Division One, with confidence.

They faced the breeze in the first-half and took an early lead with an Adam Jones penalty but before long the home side, having kicked their way into an attacking position, broke down the left, offloaded smartly and got over for a try that they converted.

A couple of tries by winger Caines, one out wide and the other, scored under the posts and converted by Jones, then took Dorchester clear at 15-7 ahead, but Melksham had certainly not turned out just to make up the numbers.

Dorchester were perhaps guilty of thinking that the game was won and gave the home midfield rather too much space and it showed its appreciation by scoring two tries, one of which was converted.

It kicked a penalty goal too just before the break to take the score to 22-15 in the home side's favour.

Now with the wind at their backs, Dorchester started the second-half brightly. A second Jones penalty reduced the deficit, and Gaines' hat-trick try, again converted by Jones gave them a three point lead.

They really should have gone on from there but did not do so, and their opponents, who were far from done, kicked a penalty goal deep into the final quarter to tie the scores at 25 points each.

This made things rather too close for comfort, but Dorchester regained the initiative and attacked.

They won a penalty and Adam Jones stepped up to bisect the uprights and to give his side the lead.

Melksham had no time to mount a rally and it is Dorchester's name that goes into the hat for the semi final draw. Too close for comfort though.

WIMBORNE 55pts, WEYMOUTH Nil
TO win this Dorset & Wilts Vase encounter against a side vying for promotion from the Southern Counties (South) Division was always going to be a big "ask" for Weymouth.

In fact they competed well to trail 0-19 at the halfway stage before running out of steam in the final quarter when their opponents scored three tries to stretch away.

In fact it turned into a pretty good day all round for Wimborne for, after the whistle for no side had sounded, they learned that rivals for a promotion place, Frome, had been unexpectedly bested by Tadley, and they now lead the division with a couple of games left.

PREVIEW
CALLING ALL SQUADDIES, MATELOTS, AND ERKS. On Easter Sunday, April 4th, commencing at 2pm, a charity rugby game will take place, hosted by the Honiton RFC at Allhallows when Armed Forces Past and Present will oppose a Honiton Select XV, with all proceeds going to the HELP FOR HEROES fund. Any serving or past member of the military is invited to turn up and participate. All that is required of you is that you bring a pair of boots, socks and shorts.

As an added inducement, a beer festival will run alongside the game, with some 15 different beers and five types of cider available.

As a former conscript myself I well remember that most of my colleagues would have strolled over hot coals for a pint of beer and I am sure therefore, that those involved since will rally to the call and count any bruises received as being received in the best of good causes. I give you the best of Sunday April 4th!

Note:- Prospective players should contact Richard Terry. Telephone 07730499564.

Rugby at Easter is really a shadow of its former self. At one time fixture lists would be littered with touring sides at this time of year; now however Easter Saturday is devoted to the catching up of postponed league games.

Seemingly all three local clubs are up to date with their respective league programmes and therefore very little rugby will take place on what was once the busiest weekend of the year.

FIXTURES: 3rd April - Bridport v no game; Bridport 2nd v no game; Chard v no game; Chard 2nd v Somerton (home); Chard 3rd v Wiveliscombe 2nd (home); Chard Colts v Sidmouth (home); Crewkerne v Bridgwater & Albion 3rd (home); Dorchester v no game; Dorchester 2nd v no game; Honiton v South Molton (home); Honiton 2nd v Withycombe 2nd (home); Honiton Colts v Wadebridge (away); Sidmouth v no game; Sidmouth Colts v Chard (away); Weymouth v no game; Weymouth 2nd v no game.

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INSIDE: Comprehensive local sports news round-up

CADDY STRIKE LIFTS LYME

By Howard Larcombe

AN 82nd minute goal from Lyme Regis skipper Adam Caddy could prove priceless in the race for the Perry Street League Premier Division title.

Caddy lashed the ball home from seven yards after opponents Combe Reserves failed to clear a corner - the result sees Lyme open up a five point cushion at the top of the table. The Seasiders were far from their best and carried little punch when going forward.

But manager Robin Townsend will just be pleased to have not dropped points with South Petherton still poised menacingly six points back but with two games in hand.

This week Seasiders' minds will be switched to Friday's Challenge cup Final. Lyme will take on Ilminster Town Reserves at Forton, kick-off is 3pm. Dominic Rowe must be a major doubt having picked up a badly gashed ankle on Saturday.

Townsend only rates the towering defender's chances of playing at 50/50, he said: "The cut got infected and Dom has been off work on anti-inflammatories since the weekend. We will assess how he is on the morning of the match."

Full squad: Ash Caddy, S. Batey, M. Batey, D. Rowe, L. Clifton, A. Cleal, L. Cleal, Ad Caddy, B. Whittington, J. Bond, R. Thomson, J. Simier, L. Street, M. Laing, M. Darby.

Lyme Regis Bantams extended their unbeaten League run to five games with a 4-4 draw at Luso-Chard. The Lyme third string showed good character to recover from 3-1 down to grab a point thanks. The two teams meet again next weekend in the reverse fixture at the Davey Fort. Lyme Regis Reserves face a trip to Division One leaders West & Middle Chinnock.

Uplyme went goal crazy at Venlake as they thrashed Hinton 10-1. Gavin Fowler (4) and Alex Cottle (3) benefitted most from decidedly disinterested opponents. The Swallows entertain Shepton Beauchamp on Saturday.

Both Charmouth sides picked up a useful point apiece. The first team drew with White Horse at Symondsbury whilst the Reserves pulled off one of the best results of the weekend in holding Division Four leaders Winsham Reserves to a 2-2 score line.

◆ *A 6-1 win at Chickerell United on Sunday has resulted Lyme Regis under 12s crowned as Dorset League Division Two Champions. The young Seasiders have a superb record having won all of their 10 matches and scored 77 goals in the process. Sunday's scorers were Matthew Watson (3), James Souter-Phillips, Bradley Rowe and an own goal.*

◆ *Lyme Regis U10s completed a good-weekend for the club when they reached the Final of the East Devon League Cup beating Honiton 4-1 on penalties following a 1-1 draw after extra-time. Cody-Bowditch scored from the penalty-spot in extra-time whilst the winning penalty in the shoot-out was converted by Daley Holmes.*

◆ **STILL ROCKING: Charmouth FC pictured before last Saturday's 1-1 draw at White Horse. Line-up, back row from left: Mark Burke, Antony Morris, Luke Jarvis, Shaun Meyers, Dan Rendall, Paul Heath, Mike Walton (manager). Front: Jamie Smith, Danny Parr, Paul Miners (captain), Dan Dunford, Graham Herring, Luke Herbert, Sam Burke.** ***Photo by HOWARD LARCOMBE***

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